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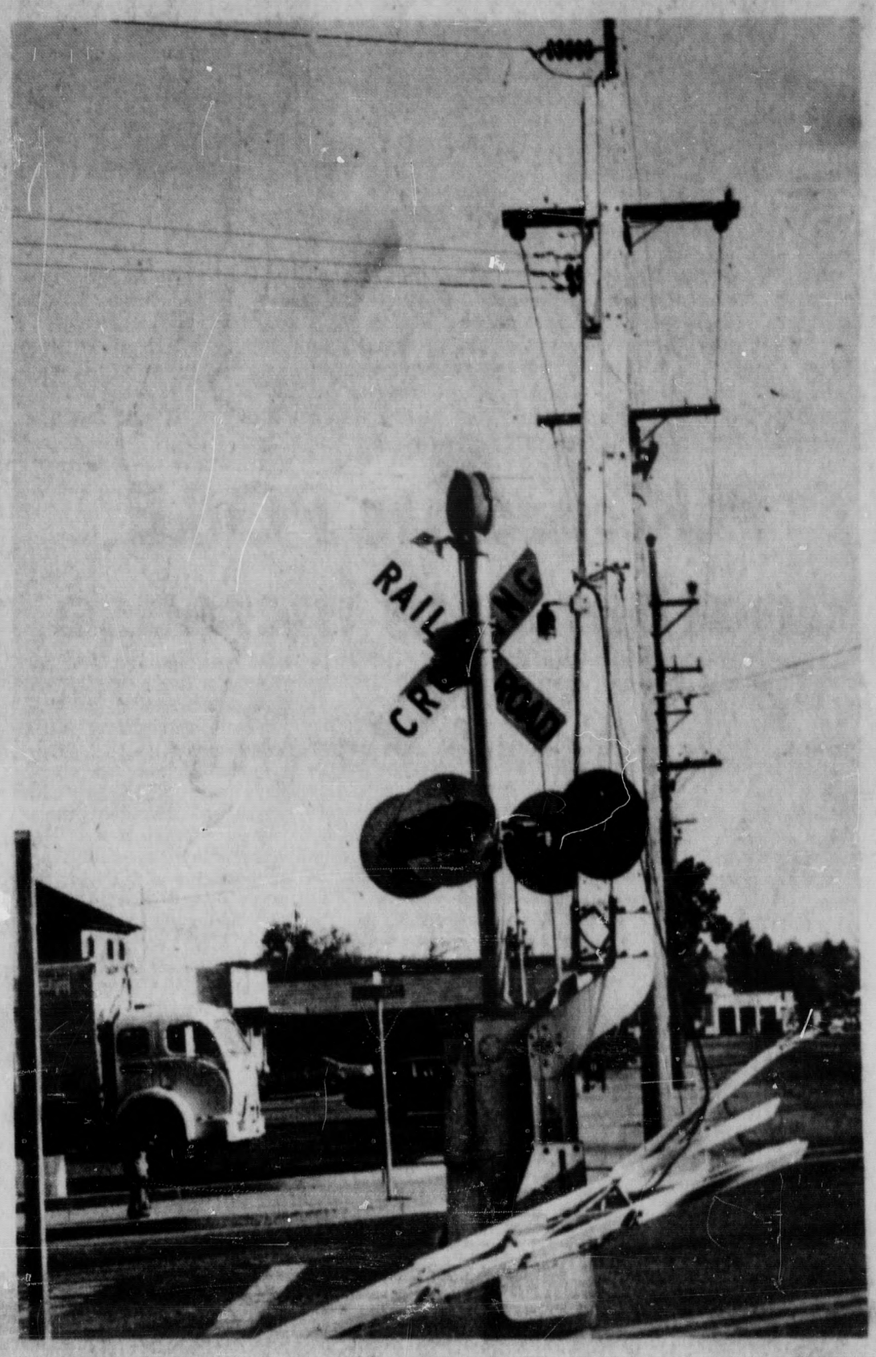
Going-Going-Gone!

Signal lights continued to work after both arms of the Southern Pacific crossing gate snapped off last night in the high winds. Police manned the Livermore Avenue crossing during the night.

For more wind damage photos, see page 8.

(Times Photos by Lee Estes)



Poles wobble, trees sway as howling winds hammer Valley

By RON RODRIGUEZ

Welcome to Chicago, West.

The Valley lived up to its reputation as one of Northern California's windiest inland areas Monday night as gale force winds whipped and howled through the basin uprooting trees, power poles, and emergency repair workers.

Livermore Municipal Airport recorded steady winds from the north-northeast of 20 to 35 knots with gusts to 40 and 45 knots. While the recorded high was a 46 knot (50 mph) gust between 7 and 8 p.m., local police, fire, and emergency services personnel estimated gusts in excess of 60 mph after the 9 p.m. closing of the airport.

Rou Robustelli, Gary Rose and Manuel Bettencourt of the Livermore Department of Parks worked from 7 p.m. Monday till noon New Year's Eve responding to 50 calls for broken limbs in the streets, trees leaning and down, and five trees spilled against power wires.

Problems were reported "all over town," according to Livermore officials, "from Jensen Track to Pestana Way to Sunset Boulevard on the north side."

The unrecorded high velocities toppled a traffic signal on Holmes Avenue at 10 p.m., and snapped a Southern Pacific Railroad signal arm at the First Street crossing.

The Livermore Fire Department reported 12 trees down and ten wires either down or fouled by trees.

Pleasanton may have fared better. Intermittent power-outs at the Sunol Boulevard sewage treatment plant required emergency crews, as did the interruption of power to one of the city's water pumps.

Arnold Eaton of the Pleasanton Corporation Yard viewed the storm with optimism, calling it a "good thing. It took care of the leaf situation once and for all. They're all blown down."

Several streets in Pleasanton were littered with limbs, including an 18 inch diameter limb on Second Street near Neal Street.

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph noted quite a few home connections down, but no major trunk lines disrupted.

"We were very, very fortunate," according to Dorothy McKinnon of PT&T. "For the amount of high winds the trouble's been small."

Some customers were still without service Tuesday afternoon, according to McKinnon, but all were expected to be restored by evening.

Three critical interruptions in northeast Livermore were noted by Pacific Gas and Electric, according to a company spokesman.

While most were caused by trees falling into power lines, three poles in the northeast section of Livermore were knocked to the ground.

Most customers were affected during the night, according to the spokesman, with service returned by morning.

National Weather Service meteorologists at Oakland International Airport reported high winds of 42 knots just before midnight Monday, while gale warnings were posted through Tuesday from Point Arena in the north to Pigeon Point south of the Bay Area.

Winds were expected to decrease slowly Tuesday evening, holding at 10 to 20 miles per hour through Wednesday.

In precipitation is immediately forecast during this unusually dry, cold, first weekend of 1975.

Valley mental health experts to map out changes for coming year

By PAT KENNEDY

Some big changes in the Valley's mental health services may be coming in 1975.

Thursday, just a day after the new year is ushered in, Valley mental health advocates will be meeting in Livermore to plan a strategy for change this year. The public gathering is at 999 East Stanley Blvd., in a bank building.

Valley Council for Mental Health members plan to take on the county for not providing enough mental health services to local taxpayers in southern Alameda County.

They also intend to fight to preserve the confidentiality of mental health records, revise the county fee structure, which their request for a psychiatrist on duty or on call at Valley Memorial at all times, plus somewhere to keep psychiatric patients for the critical first few days after an incident (usually an attempted suicide.)

Currently, the only psychiatric wing is in the Veterans Administration hospital in Livermore. That open ward is not equipped for what the police call "5150's" — nervous breakdowns or suicides, for example.

Then there are other issues. There is a state mandate that each local area must have a place where drunks can be taken by the police for medical and psychiatric evaluation. According to council member Hal Short, the Valley has nothing of the kind despite the state law.

The mental health group also plans to take up the cause of the Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch. This unusual facility, run by Butch and Ruth Shattuck, provides down - to - earth, homey accommodations (and plenty of chores and love) for youths who can't or won't live at home. Many have been in trouble with the law, have an emotional conflict, or are in need of stability for a variety of reasons.

Located on Greenville Road, the ranch is expanding. Sally Bystroff of the Buenas Vidas board of directors explained to council members at a recent meeting that the ranch would like possession of part of the county - owned Del Valle Sanitarium, which has not been in use for a number of years.

Mental Health Council members learned part of the facility might be available for group counseling activities, and agreed to sponsor the Buenas Vidas proposal by sending a letter to the county Board of Supervsiors.

The new year wfll also see renewed efforts by local mental health advocates to improve the image of mental health services such as counseling, marriage counseling, psychiatric care and therapy.

"Persons with mental health problems should not be singled out as second - class citizens," says a report prepared by the council.

Along the same lines, the council is thinking of offering a program for parents and teenagers on family understanding.

Taking part would be high - school counselors and student representatives, Valley Mental Health Clinic personnel and Valley Council for Mental Health members.

Deflated bubble

The bubble covering the trickling filter at Pleasanton's sewage treatment plant, an integral part of the city's odor control program at that facility, has been deflated for the past five days because of tears caused by recent high winds. Assistant City Manager Al Campbell said the bubble was scheduled for repairs Tuesday afternoon and should be back in place by today.

Medicare rates up next month

"Beginning January 1, the hospital deductible under Medicare will go up from $84 to $92," according to Paul Hayashi, Livermore Social Security Manager.

In announcing the increase, he said that "the $92 amount is equivalent to the average cost of a one day stay in the hospital."

"Under Medicare, the average hospital stay is about 11½ days at a cost of over $1000," he said.

He noted that the daily deductible for Medicare patients who stay in the hospital more than 60 days will increase from $21 to $23 a day.

"The deductible amounts have increased because of rising hospital costs," said Hayashi.

City may employ computers for GP

LIVERMORE — The city is considering the extensive use of computers in preparing its General Plan, a proposal that leads to such phrases as "graphic presentation of raw data" and "visual analysis."

Robert Grunwald and Don Crawford of the Planning firm contracted by the city to prepare Livermore's General Plan explained the advantages of using computer technology at a study session last month with members of the city staff, council and planning commission.

The council should receive a written report on the process and cost of computer use sometime early this year.

To date, Grunwald and Crawford Associates through Comarc Design Systems have prepared six "composite" or "suitability" maps with a seventh in the process of being completed.

Whether or not more of these maps — and indeed much of the data involved in preparing the General Plan — will be programmed into a computer will be up to the council.

The six print-out maps presented at the study session showed the Livermore area in terms of: flood prone; public property; agricultural preserve; land use; cenozoic (geographic), and slope.

A print-out on air quality also is being prepared.

The computer maps are printed out on a base map of the Livermore area. Various parts of the map are shaded and a color code explains the information contained on the map.

For example, on the slope map, five categories or degrees of slopes are illustrated and each is a different color. The color key chart shows what shade represents what degree.

By combining two or more of the maps, the "constraints" and "opportunities" of urban developments can be visually represented, explained the planning engineers.

An example they used was taking a geographic problem and adding to that a slope problem and drainage problem. The resulting map would illustrate the condition created by these three combined factors.

The planners also explained that computerization affords not only one of the best methods of analysis but provides a format that can be readily understood in court if the day comes when that body wanted to see just how comprehensive the city's plan is.

Changes could also be recorded in the computer and the effects would show up in a print-out. This makes the technology useful in the administration of city government on a month to month basis the planners added.

According to Grunwald and Crawford, the city would own the original computer program used for the General Plan and then buy computer time to add any data changes to the memory bank.

City Manager Bill Parness, who has been looking into the possibility of using computers exstensively in the General Plan, said other cities have used the system and found it to be beneficial.

But he is not convinced personally yet of whether the city should incorporate computers in its General Plan.

Extensive use of computers would mean additional costs for the preparation of the General Plan.

Grunwald and Crawford Associates are preparing a General Plan for Livermore, based largely on the recommendations on a Citizens' Committee. The report is scheduled for completion in the spring.

County to buy three new euthanasia chambers in 75

Alameda County Burea

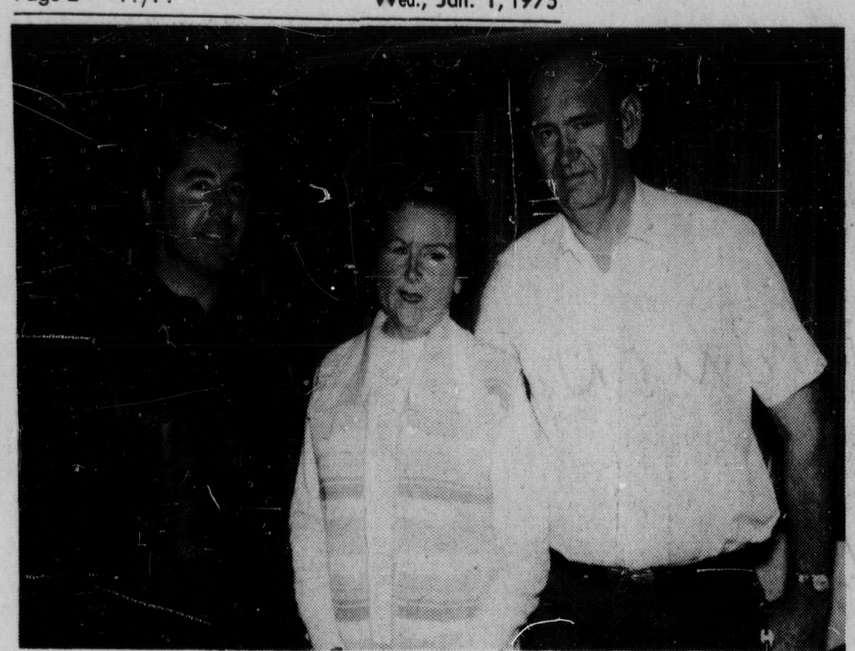
OAKLAND — Alameda County Board of Supervisors Tuesday approved purchase of three euthanasia chambers for county animal shelters.

The $4500 expenditure includes one of the new nitrogen chambers Board Chairman Joseph Bort said were "considerably improved" over the high altitude chambers now in use.

Approval of the chambers came on the recommendation of county Field Services Director Tom Moore.

"No method is going to satisfy those with a great love for dogs and cats," Bort said is suggesting approval of the new chambers.

"The system we have now is cruel for the men and the animals. This is a considerable improvement over our high altitude chambers."



March gets underway

Pleasanton realtor Chris Beratlis has been re - appointed as the city's chairman of the March of Dimes campaign. He is shown above with Julie and Milt Dunham, who have been appointed to head up the Mothers' March in Pleasanton. "Birth defects are the number one children's health problem in the United States today," Beratlis said. "Over 200,000 children are affected annually and each year more than 55,000 American infants do not live to see their first birthday. If you care about the health of our next generation, show your concern by joining our annual March of Dimes drive."

PUC grants PG&E another rate increase

The first utility rate increase of 1975 goes into effect this morning.

The Public Utilities Commission granted Pacific Gas and Electric Co. a $210 million rate increase late Monday afternoon.

That increase, which was granted to offset the rising cost of fuel oil and natural gas, will increase the average homeowner's monthly bill by $2.32 or 8.9 percent.

A PG&E spokesman told the Times Tuesday the average increase for homeowners in the Amador-Livermore Valley would most likely be higher than the area-wide average because of the predominance of single family detached homes in the valley.

Seventy percent of the $210,391,000 increase will go for a higher rate for natural gas. The remaining $61,412,000 will go toward the electricity rate increase.

Electricity rates, which now average $13.66 a month for 500 kilowatt hours, will be hiked 53 cents. Natural gas, which now costs an average of $12.29 a month for 100 therms, will be increased an average of $1.79.

PG&E has been granted five previous rate increases in 1974 — three for natural gas totaling $158 million and two for electricity totaling $122,332,000. Monday's action by the PUC raises the total increase for 1974 to $489 million.

In addition to the most recent increases, PG&E has also requested a $233 million general rate hike, which is still being studied by the PUC. That increase would cover the utility's rising labor, production and building costs.

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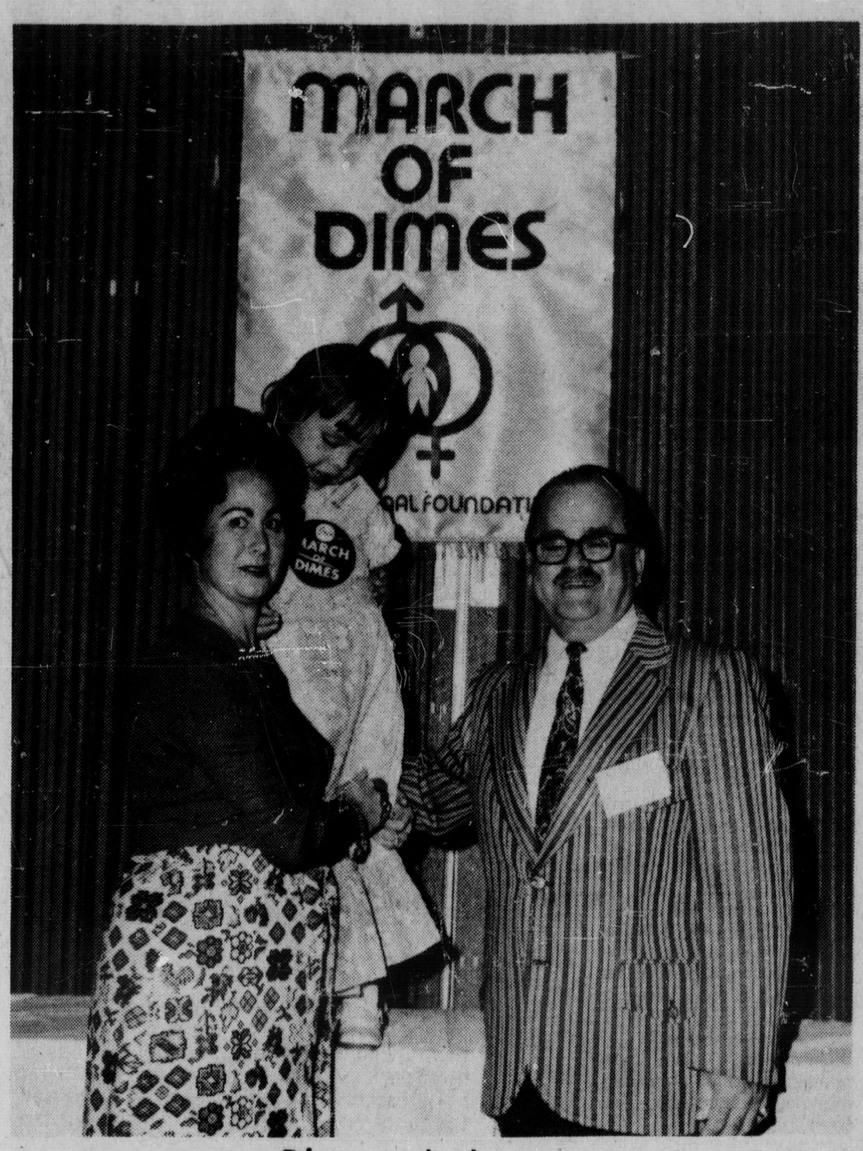

Please help...

"Please Help, So They Can Run and Play" is the slogan for the 1975 March of Dimes Drive in Livermore, according to Chairman Bud Tari, who is shown above with Sherry Landrum, 4, the San Diego County Poster Girl and Jolene Abraham, head of the Mothers' March for the City of Livermore. Tari is on the board of directors for the Alameda County March of Dimes and was named Volunteer of the Year in 1973. Abraham is president of the Livermore Junior Women's League.

Mardi Gras sponsors Christmas tree pickup

In conjunction with fund raising for the 1975 Mardi Gras, there will be a Christmas Tree pick-up Sunday mornings, Jan. 5 and 12. Trees should be left on the sidewalk in front of your house or call 462-5750.

A donation of $1 per tree will be collect in support of Mardi Gras King candidate, Walt Wood.

Proceeds from the collection will be donated to to an organized community cause in three areas: Pleasanton Youth, Inc., Pleasanton Emergency Relief and the Amador High School auditorium fund.

Status of Women hearing scheduled

HAYWARD — A public hearing on the proposed Commission on the Status of Women in Alameda County will be continued Jan. 6 from 7 to 9 P.m. at the Public Works Building, 399 Elmhurst.

The hearing is continuing from a December meeting when members of the county Human Relations Commission accepted testimony on the structure of the proposed commission.

Testimony should be confined to methods to approach the problems of women in the county. Commission officials say there has been sufficient documentation of specific problems of women.

Persons wishing to address the commission are asked to call the office at 874-6836. Others wishing to write comments on the matter may send them to the commission office at 401 Broadway, Oakland, 94607.

Oral presentations are limited to five minutes.

Future Farmers

The Livermore Future Farmers of America Agri Business team, recently won first place in the sectional contest held in Brentwood. Team members that compete were Wendy Jackson, Claudette Correia, and Rick Hudgins. Rich also won the individual sales presentation talk.

Demos host candidates

The Livermore Valley Democratic Club will host a special meeting on Jan. 6 at 8 p.m. to interview the Democratic candidates for the seat of Carlos Bee in the Assembly.

Primarily, the meeting will focus on those candidates who were unable to attend the Dec. 19 meeting.

Club by-laws prohibit any endorsement before Jan. 23.

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In the valley, 74 was the year of the sewers

Sewers, the turnstile of valley growth, continued in 1974 to dominate local governmental time, minds and talk as well as local courts and developers.

With each passing month, the awareness of the connection between growth and air quality became more acute in minds of valley residents as they suffered through a thick, smoggy summer.

The long-standing duel between local developers and service-providing agencies was somewhat sidetracked as the money market made it difficult for builders to sell whatever homes they could build.

The situation was dramatized in October of this year when Valley Community Services District in the west valley held 500 extra sewer connections that none wanted.

The sewer problems were snapped into a more intelligible perspective in Berkeley in April when the Environmental Protection Agency sponsored an institute in Berkeley in which the valley was shown to be an integral part of a state-wide network of waterways and water troubles.

Speakers at the seminar pictured the state with an increasing demand for water, a situation they said left water recycled through the earth at an ever more rapid pace.

Ground water supplies once provided more than enough water in the state, they said. But as they dried up, it became necessary to see the underground water basins as a system to better use what water there is.

The valley's discharged effluent becomes someone else's water supply -- and eventually the valley's own once again, speakers reminded.

The valley's sewer- related events through 1974 connected more obviously than ever with environmental issues. In August, for example, State Water Quality Control Board officials claimed it would be "inconsistent" to widen I-580 and not provide substantial sewer expansion monies for the Valley Community Services district plant.

The issue of that expansion caused an overflowing crowd to jam VCSD offices when the district held a public hearing on a proposed addition to the plant that would nearly double the current capacity.

Residents agreed that if the expansion would aggravate already poor air quality, the expansion should not be allowed.

Arthur D. Little, who prepared the environmental impact report on the proposed expansion, confirmed that the larger plant, would in fact aggravate the air quality.

That testimony was sent along with VCSD's request for funding of a treatment plant expansion.

The year opened onto the wonderful world of sewers with a move to secure federal money for demineralization of local effluent.

In a request for information made by VCSD director Ron Hyde, federal officials were asked to consider providing funds for a plant toremove salts from the heavily mineralized water.

Funding for the multi-million dollar project looked like a poor prospect as the year progressed.

The month also saw VCSD give up its authority to treat sewage in the South San Ramon portion of the district as Larwin Development Company pushed to develop some 300 acres in the residential community.

January also saw VCSD and the City of Pleasanton agree on a financial arrangement for the phase-out of the city's archaic Sunol plant.

The services district also heard a report from an engineer hired for VCSD by developers in which Harvey Milts said VCSD could dispose of 1 million gallons per day of effluent by spraying it on Castlewood golf course. The plan would work year-round as long as it didn't rain, the report indicated. Milts was dismissed shortly after.

By March, the sewer situation took a more serious turn as Morrison Homes sued Pleasanton and VCSD in an effort to force the agencies to make improvements to the old Pleasanton sewer treatment plant. The developers wanted to develop Pleasanton Homes, but the strategy failed in court.

In April, Livermore's sewers crept into the news as the city received $2.3 million in state funds to rebuild the sewer plant. Some $466,000 in local funds were added to the sum.

By June, over a year of talks finally came to fruition when the Livermore Amador Valley Water Management Agency was ratified. The new agency, formed of valley agencies, promised to help coordinate the complex water management problems long plaguing the valley.

In July, VCSD adopted a "get tough" policy with Camp Parks as the district renewed attempts to renegotiate a contract for treatment and disposal of the military bases's sewage.

Officials in Dublin threatened to terminate treatment of the effluent unless the Army promised to return to the bargaining table.

In October, a long-feared policy began to take shape from within the walls of the Regional Water Quality Control Board: Requirements for quality of effluent released down Alameda Creek would be so strict if adopted, the water most of the valley drinks would not be good enough to put down the creek.

Local officials said the requirements would be "tantamount" to prohibiting releasing effluent down the creek.

Merry Christmas

The First Presbyterian Church topped off their Christmas celebration by donating their living Christmas tree to the Livermore park system. The tree was planted at May Nissen Park with May Nissen herself (second from left) present at the ceremony. Janice Bishop (left), Bobby Bishop and William Mello (cap) looked on. Other groups and individuals are encouraged to donate their living Christmas trees to parks in the Valley.

(Times Photo)

Holiday births

LIVERMORE — Ten new babies made the holidays merry for local couples, according to an announcement from Valley Memorial Hospital.

Born Dec. 16 were boys to Robert and Charlotte Lind, 4046 Francisco St., Pleasanton, and John and Barbara Satter, 635 Hanover St., Livermore.

Dec. 17, a boy to Edward and Mary Jacobs, 694 Claret Court, Pleasanton; Dec. 18, a boy to Bruce and Terri McDonald, Collier Canyon Road, Livermore.

Dec. 19, girls to Floyd and Catherine Skaggs, 7388 Sheffield Lane, Dublin, and Herb and Marie Jeannette Tootle, 1695 Elm St., Livermore.

Dec. 20, boys to Steven and Susan Amaral, 8061 Peppertree Road, Dublin, and Carroll and Susan Sather, 943 Laguna St., Livermore; a girl to Billy Joe and Donna Arnold, 1838 Walnut St., Livermore.

Dec. 21, a boy to Roy and Melissa Robustelli, 237 South R St., Livermore.

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Bike maps out for Berkeley to Tahoe

A map depicting a bicycle route from Berkeley to Lake Tahoe is now available from the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS).

Geared toward the touring cyclist, the map depicts a circular route which runs through Antioch, Isleton, Sacramento and Auburn. It continues toward Lake Tahoe by following local roads which parallel Interstate 80. It then follows Route 89 along Lake Tahoe to Route 88 and returns to Berkeley via Carson Pass and Stockton.

The free map also contains supplementary information such as weather characteristics and safety hints.

Copies can be obtained from: CALTRANS Non-Motorized Section, Division of Transportation Planning, P.O. Box 214177, Sacramento, CA 95821.

Bike touring maps of the Pacific Coast Highway from Oregon to the Mexican border are also available from CALTRANS. This route will be incorporated into a national system of Bike - centennial trails by CALTRANS and the California American Revolution Bicentennila Commission. Detailed touring kits of the coast route are now being prepared and will be available in late 1975.

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The year's biggest holiday party may well have been held by the Livermore Senior Citizens who gathered for a roast beef dinner and an afternoon of festivity Sunday. More than 200 club members attended the event. For the oldest member, Mayme McCoy, there was double reason to celebrate. She reached her 92nd birthday on Dec. 27. The afternoon's entertainment featured a puppet show by Bernie Pearson, associate pastor of Livermore's Trinity Baptist Church.

CLARA ALLAN
Enjoying the party

HELEN & ROY BALL
Joined the crowd for roast beef dinner and entertainment.

WHEN YOL 'RE 92
Mayme McCoy gets congratulations again, this time from Elizabeth Lassiter, Irene Magee.

PORTIA WADE, MIKE PEEL, WALT WOOD
Mardi Gras candidates get in practice for Monte Carlo Night

lifestyle

Monte Carlo nite Jan. 10

The public is invited to court Lady Luck at Monte Carlo Night at the Castlewood Country Club Jan. 10. The evening is sponsored by the Pleasanton Junior Women's Club as part of its fundraising Mardi Gras campaign.

Gambling for real prizes with play money at game booths set up by each of the six Mardi Gras candidates begins at 8 p.m. Admission is $3 per person and includes a 'starter' batch of play money.

Candidates will also sponsor concession stands. Entertainment and dancing will round out the evening.

Tickets are available from candidates or at the door. Proceeds, excluding profit from game booths and concessions, will be divided equally among the candidates.

For information call Janet Dillard at 846-3955, or Marcelline Mahern at 846-7164.

Five are nominated for Castlewood board

Three new directors for Castlewood Country Club will be elected Jan. 9 from a slate of five nominees by the proprietory members of the club. All members of the club are invited to the annual meeting.

The nominating committee, under the leadership of past president Frank Ford, has placed the following candidates before the board of directors:

C. Mercer Barnes has been a member of Castlewood since 1959. A native of Illinois, he and his family now reside in San Ramon.

Norman Davis, recently retired from the Eastman Kodak Company, resides in San Ramon and was formerly director of a New York country club.

Roy Edwards, a native of Northern California, resides in Pleasanton and heads the data processing and accounting department at Western Electric in San Leandro. He has previously served one year on the club's board.

Ed Fitzmaurice is an executive with the General Electric Company and resides with his family in Castro Valley.

Rod Stevenson, who resides in Pleasanton with his family, was born in Scotland. He is president of Larwin Northern California.

Tickets for Ball on sale soon by Pleasanton Jrs.

Tickets to the 1975 Mardi Gras Ball will go on sale Jan. 13 at 8 a.m.. the Pleasanton Junior Women's Club has announced.

The club will sponsor the ball at $18 per couple for a roast beef buffet, hot hors d'oeurves and dancing to music by Bill Tapia's orchestra at the Castlewood Country Club from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The ball is the climax of a seven-week campaign for funds for community projects by candidates who compete for the titles of King and Queen of the Mardi Gras Ball.

Tickets are available from Mrs. Tommie Barnes at 2614 Willowren Way, Pleasanton, on a first come, first serve basis. No telephone reservations will be accepted.

For further information contact Mrs. Barnes at 846-7752.

Christmas wedding

Linda Ann Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Green of Livermore, became the bride of Timothy Mark Miltner of Livermore in a Christmas week ceremony at St. Charles Catholic Church.

The bridegroom is the son of the late Mrs. Ruth Miltner.

Shelly McKay served as maid of honor and Tony Harrison as best man. Both are from Livermore.

A reception for one hundred relatives and friends was held at the home of the bride's parents following the wedding.

The newlyweds are living on Concannon Drive in Livermore.

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Jolene Abrahams is luncheon speaker

The Livermore Women's Club will hold a luncheon meeting Friday, Jan. 3 in the Carnegie building, Third and K streets, with Mrs. Jolene Abrahams, president of the Livermore Junior Women's Club, as guest speaker.

Mrs. Abrahams will discuss the benefits of the March of Dimes for crippled children.

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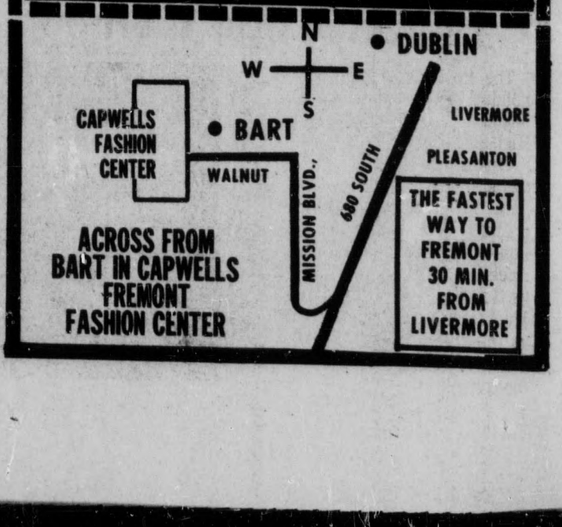


Utah ultimatum—Willie come home

BY MIKE ZAMPA

Willie Wise must either return to the Utah Stars of the American Basketball Association, or spend the remainder of his pro career skulking around the minor leagues.

That's the attitude the Stars are taking in the controversey involving their five-time All-Pro forward.

Wise, 26, walked out of Utah's pre-season camp Oct. 16. Since then, he has been playing with the minor league Tri-Valley Warriors of the Western Basketball Association."

His oft repeated demand to be traded will not be fulfilled, says Stars' publicist Harvey Kirkpatrick.

"If he wants to play pro ball, he'll have to play for the Stars. Willie will either play for Utah, or give up a lucrative living."

It is against Stars' policy to reveal salary figures, but Kirkpatrick says the multi-talented Wise is making "in excess of $100,000 per year."

Wise is currently in the second of a five-year contract with Utah, Kirkpatrick says. Early reports that Wise is sitting out the option year of the pact are false, he added.

According to Kirkpatrick, Wise reported two weeks late to Utah's pre-season camp. Prior to reporting, he had demanded that the Stars trade him.

Wise, a graduate of Drake University, played five exhibitions with Utah, then walked out before the Stars' season opener in New York.

Since then his only contact with the club has been through his Los Angeles agent.

"The only line we get from Willie is that he wants to be traded," Kirkpatrick says. "It's like a broken record.

"But you don't trade a super-star. The only way you do that is to get a super-star in return — a Julius Irving from New York, or Indiana's George McGinnis. And I don't think either of those clubs wants to do that."

Some trial balloons have been launched by ABA clubs, Kirkpatrick said, with tentative offers being made for Wise.

He characterized all of the overtures as, "ridiculous."

As far as other pro teams dealing directly with Wise, Kirkpatrick says Utah has already issued an ultimatum. "If anybody gets involved," he warned; "We'll consider it tampering. And the fine for tampering is $100,000."

Wise has played for the Tri-Valley team for two months now. His superiority is emphasized every team he steps onto a WBA court. The slender super-star was lured out here by oldtime friend John Phillips, who coaches the Warriors.

Owner Don Fracchia accepted Wise with the condition that he be free to return immediately to the ABA if Utah consumated a deal. Utah has not blocked Wise's appearances with the Warriors. It is rumored the Stars want him to play to keep sharp.

But just in case, according to a WBA official, Wise is playing without a contract for the Warriors. That precludes any legal challenge, the official says.

Since coming to Pleasanton, Wise has revealed little of his displeasure with the Stars.

Kirkpatrick insists that nobody in Utah yet understands why Wise wants the trade.

"What stupifies me is that whatever reasons there are, and if Utah is such a bad place, how come it was so super four years before? Willie sounded like an extremely happy individual at first. He loved playing in Utah. Then suddenly he thinks it's terrible. It's like turning off a light switch. We're all stupified.

"It sounds to me like he's getting some awful bad advice," Kirkpatrick said. "Here's an agent in L.A. telling him don't talk to those guys, I'll work out a trade for you. In three months he hasn't done what he said he would. And it's not hurting the agent.

"We're suffering," Kirkpatrick admitted. "We want Willie back, and that's why we haven't traded him."

The Stars are currently third in the ABA's five-team Western Division. Their 18-20 record is 14 games back of the leaders, the Denver Rockets.

With Wise back, Utah would boast a devastating forward line, featuring child prodigy Moses Malone at the other corner.

The Stars still dream of that combination. But the next move is up to Wise, Kirkpatrick says.

"It's been Willie's move ever since he left."

In the bag

Charlie Litz

THERE WILL BE a good practice running-deer shoot at the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club Sunday. It starts at 10 a.m. So bring out your best shooting iron and plenty of loaded rounds, as there will also be some off-hand shooting as well as the iron chicken at 200 yards. Hope to see you out there!

IF YOU PLAN on using any of the new DuPont IMR 4831 or Hodgens 4831, be sure to check all new reloading data. The new 4831 seems to run higher pressures than the old, which is now mostly out of stock. These higher pressures could do some real unkind things to you and your favorite rifle. You will probably have to try at least five percent below your normal reloads for this new powder. So be aware of the new data which applies.

A DUCK-HUNTER'S friend is wind and rain. We've had good duck hunting weather the past several days, for this wind and rain drives geese and ducks down into a quiet ponded area. However, I have few reports of hunters going out over the holidays. Most of us have used the opportunity to spend the holidays around home (eating a bit too much, probably!).

THE LOCAL ROD and Gun Club was host to a large gaggle of snow geese last Friday. They were peacefully grazing on top of the hill east of the club house. What a good place for perfect protection! My count was 26 and were they noisy while grazing. I could hear them from the road. They made a beautiful sight, too.

THE IVER JOHNSON Arms & Cycle Works are coming out with a new single action big bore revolver that should be a good one. It has a heavy duty color case hardened frame, adjustable sights; back strap and frame are of polished brass; and one piece walnut stocks. All are available in 357 mag., 44 mag. and 45 colt. Different barrel lengths are available. For more information, see your dealer or write to the company, Dept. GK, 109 River Street, Fitchburg, Mass. 01420. No, I don't have any connection with this company — just announcing a new item you may be interested in.

THE SO-CALLED Black Powder Bill — S. 1083 — was passed unanimously on December 10 by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and later in the day by the full committee.

However, there was one change in the bill. Instead of allowing unlimited possession of black powder as originally proposed, the House members amended it to allow possession of a maximum of 50 pounds. This would replace the current limit of five pounds.

As supporters of the bill have been quick to point out, it would not alter in any way the strict criminal penalties for the misuse of explosives, including black powder. The proposed change has received strong support from many sportsmen, especially muzzle loading shooters.

SENATOR LEE METCALF (Mont.), one of Congress' most revered wildlife conservationists, has retired from the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission after 13 years of service. The MBCC approves all acquisitions for the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Senator Metcalf served on the Commission from 1961 through 1969 and from 1971 through 1974. Since 1969 more than 404,000 acres have been added to the refuge system and more than 1.4 million acres of waterfowl protection areas have been acquired. Many more acres approved by the Commission await acquisition.

Senator Metcalf set an unprecendented record of attending all 50 Commission meetings held during his tenure. Senator Quentin N. Burdick (N.D.) will replace him on the Commission.

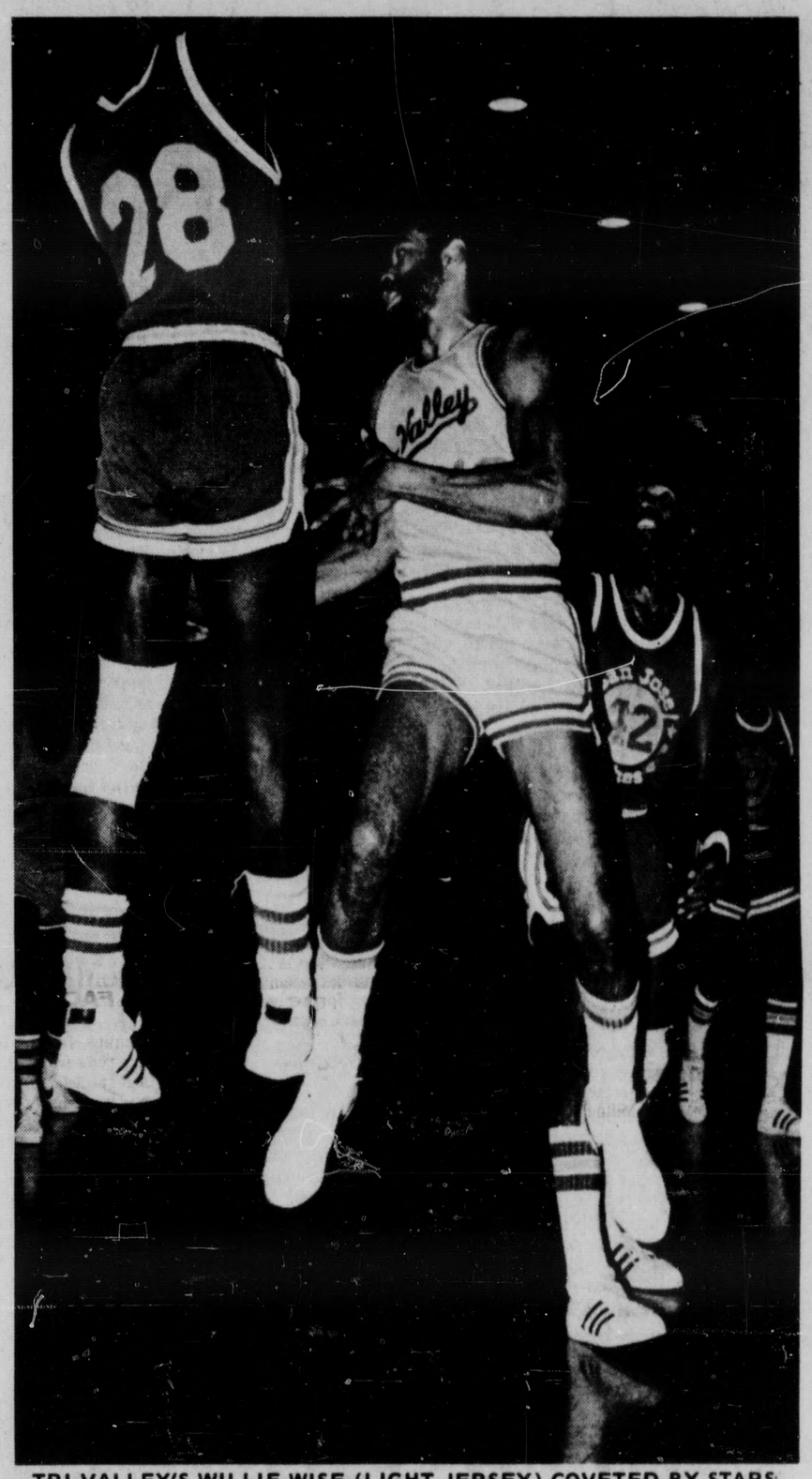
KEEP THE DATE Jan. 12 open as there will be a big trap shoot out at the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club that day. More details next week!

IF CHRISTMAS BROUGHT A new gun or archery equipment into your home, prepare now to train the owner — adult or youngster — to handle it safely.

The best way to get the training is through the standard hunter safety training course, according to the Department of Fish and Game. The local course is given at the Rod and Gun Club near Livermore periodically. A new series of courses will start in January.

Firearms and bow and arrow safety, the DFG says, is not just for the hunter, but for all shooters, although hunters pay the bills for the training. The training also qualifies successful students for the purchase of their first California hunting license.

California's program, second in the nation and the first to require training for adults, was inaugurated in 1954. Directed by the DFG and staffed by highly qualified volunteer instructors, it has trained more than 800,000 persons in safe hunting practices, sportsmanship and the principles of conservation.



TRI-VALLEY'S WILLIE WISE (LIGHT JERSEY) COVETED BY STARS
Utah won't trade rights to the All-Pro forward, AWOL since Oct. 16

San Mateo owner out of WBA

The creaking Western Basketball Association suffered a severe blow this week as the San Mateo Suns closed down operations.

The Suns have cancelled Thursday's home game with the Tri-Valley Warriors.

Owner Jerry Hamilton, suffering financial setbacks in other business interests, is pulling out of the league.

Whether another owner can be found for the dying franchise won't be decided until the remaining five team owners can convene in emergency session

Tri-Valley owner Don Fracchia is currently out of the Bay Area. The league won't meet on the San Mateo crisis until his return.

WBA publicist Dale Hall was quick to point out yesterday that the San Mateo situation isn't strictly basketball related. Losses in another business venture forced Hamilton to bow out, Hall said.

Hall wasn't optimistic yesterday over the likelihood of finding a new investor for the financially wobbly WBA. The entire league is suffering at the gate, and no one is making money.

"It's a helluva week to go out and find an owner for a basketball team," Hall moaned. "And it's not the easiest thing to sell when you say how'd you like to lose $10,000 in the next three months."

The WBA season ends in March.

If no buyer is attracted, Hall said the WBA may jointly operate the San Mateo franchise. Otherwise, the Suns will be disbanded, with the remaining five clubs sharing the available players.

Though Hamilton pulled out, Hall asked San Mateo coach Rusty Critchfield to go ahead with Thursday's Tri-Valley game. Critchfield refused.

"I think Rusty was ill-advised," Hall said. "He should be willing to play a couple of games until we have a chance to meet."

Hall says the San Mateo players are paid up for games up to, but not including Thursday's.

Though the Thursday game is definitely out, Tri-Valley general manager Ernie Lazzereschi said a San Mateo game scheduled for Pleasanton Sunday is still on course.

Lazzereschi said the league office assured him Sunday's contest would be played.

San Mateo is 4-4 in WBA standings, two games behind the league leading Warriors.

Holiday cage tourney

The Pleasanton High School holiday basketball tournament begins today at Amador Valley High School girls' gym.

Opening round games include: Jumpers vs Hooks, 1 p.m.; Matadors vs Cyclones, 2 p.m.; Lemons vs Possum-Gritts, 3 p.m.; Zack's Pack vs Lakers, 4 p.m.; Flesh vs Gunners, 5 p.m.; Spoilers vs Thunderchickens, 6 p.m.; Team vs Second String, 7 p.m.; Atomic Fools vs. Wheatshockers, 8 p.m.

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Fish makes big splash

Mark Fish was the offensive cornerstone last weekend in Ballistic United's under-14 triumph at the Fresno New Years Youth Soccer Tournament.

Ballistic swept four games in two days to become the second Pleasanton side to win a tournament championship there. Ballistic United under-10 also earned a title.

Fish played a key role in all the contests offensively.

In the opening game, a 2-0 win over Fresno's Irwin Lawmakers, Fish and Troy Thomas scored goals. Assists went to Dennis Miller and Kirk Ackerman. Defense was handled by Steve Woodward.

Later on the opening day, Ballistic blanked the Van Nuys Eagles, 3-0, on two Fish scores, and one by Robin Dijos. Fish and Kevin Crow were credited with assists as well.

Mark Schoendienst was the defensive hero.

In the semi-final Sunday morning, United played the Concord Wolverines, winning, 2-1, on goals by Fish and Dijos.

The defense of Dave Konecny and Scott Kinney preserved the tense victory.

United came from behind in the championship contest to trim the Sequoia Eagles, 3-1.

Crow tied the contest at 1-1 with a headed goal off Ackerman's corner kick. Dijos scored the go-ahead goal on a Fish crossing pass. Chris Henry picked up the final score when his pass was steered into the net by an Eagle fullback.

Russell Baine and Mitch Pereira were outstanding defenders in the championship.

Times Sports

MIKE ZAMPA, editor

Willyard posts 274 at Granada

Erv Willyard stunned the crowd at Granada Bowl last week with an award winning sanctioned game of 274 in winter bowling action.

It was Willyard's career high game. He carries a 140 average.

Willyard opened his first game of the night with seven consecutive strikes en route to a 10-strike, 274 finish.

The outstanding game earns Willyard an ABC Century Award, and Nor Cal Century Award.

In the 910 Classic, Guy Deming caused a few ripples, shattering his 160 average with a 664 series. Deming rolled games of 238, 168 and 258.

In the same league, Dave Mann rolled a 204 game for a 619 series. Bill Webb's 216 game vaulted him to a 612 set, and Tony Politz, with a 233 single, registered a 602.

Don Starkey topped the Cheyenne league with a 645 series. His high game was a 236.

In the Women's Invitational, Betty Block's 213 and 586 totals were both tops.

For Senior Citizens, Ted Keech rolled a 223 game and a 540 series.

Blue Chip Mixed — Tom Russell, 187-507; Barney Murdock, 200-552
Sunday Swooners — Ed Hudson, 202-531; Ethel Wargo, 194-569
Cheyenne — Don Starkey, 236-645; Rick Sanchez, 223-568
City Employes — Erv Willyard, 274-487; Sue Beach, 226-518
Blue Chip Trio — Brenda Smith, 185-514; Mary Melton, 184-489
Senior Citizens — Ted Keech, 223-540; Evie Burns, 146-423
Women's Invitational — Betty Block, 213-586; Pat Padilla, 197-542
Valley 300 — Dave Toso, 224-576; Bob Koopman, 218-567
910 Classic — Guy Deming, 258-664; Dave Mann, 224-619; Bill Webb, 216-612; Tony Politz, 233-602

EB prep awards to Finnie, Sitts

Scott Finnie of Bishop O'Dowd, and formerly Dublin High School, is Alameda County's Prep of the Week this week for his performance in the Tracy Basketball Tournament.

The Contra Costa award goes to San Ramon wrestler Mike Sitts.

Both receive the Flecto Sports Award from the Flecto Co. of Oakland.

Finnie, 6-0 senior guard for the Dragons, was the catalyst to one of the season's big basketball upsets at Tracy. He scored 27 points, including four free throws in the final minute as O'Dowd edged previously undefeated Stagg of Stockton.

The transfer student from Dublin High hit 11 of 16 shots from the field.

The following night Finnie scored 18 points and added four assists as the fifth-ranked Dragons defeated Mt. Miguel.

Sitts, a 95-pound junior, captured his weight class title at the tough El Cajon Wrestling Tournament in San Diego last weekend.

Sitts, seeded third in the tourney, pinned his first two opponents, then won a semi-final match, 13-3. In the finals Sitts thumped the top seed, 8-2. He extended his record for the year to 12-1 with four victories.

The California Angels will open their 1975 American League baseball season against the Kansas City Royals at Anaheim, Calif., on the night of April 7.

On his first run from scrimmage, Ike Forte of Arkansas burst 27 yards for a touchdown, helping his team beat Southern California 22-7 this season.

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Looking on the bright side of '75

It is in the most hallowed traditions of newspapering that we report all that is a bad about our world, the town and the people around us. The public accepts and expects such a role for the print and electronic media. Journalists were rapped soundly for not digging into Watergate much earlier, and with more zest; television was upbraided for never being able to bring its audience "the inside story" of a misguided president's misdeeds. That same level of public expectancy is evident within our own suburban limits.

The other day this column lamented the failure by "enlightened and respected citizens" to join in the spirit of school board elections, either as candidates or by searching out other qualified people for those posts. The response from just one reader was particularly interesting.

"The reason there are not more people seeking school board office is because most of us are discouraged by our public school system, particularly the administrative politics which tend to shut out the public and the press, and leave them free to run things their own way." The caller was zeroing in on the Livermore Unified School District, although it is not difficult to determine the same political malaise in the valley's total school picture.

Even if we were to accept the argument that "the school administration is protected at all costs" (and there has been more than one recent instance on that score in Livermore, in Pleasanton and in Dublin), we would be considerably more disturbed if we thought those political shortcomings were the reason intelligent, sensitive people do not seek election to a school - board.

The constitution of this country guarantees our right to public education, publicly controlled. It makes no provision for the quality of those schools, or of the people who administer them. Those are matters left to the community. It would be a sad day for us, and our children, when interest in local schools is thrwarted by political ambition, or some administrative flaw.

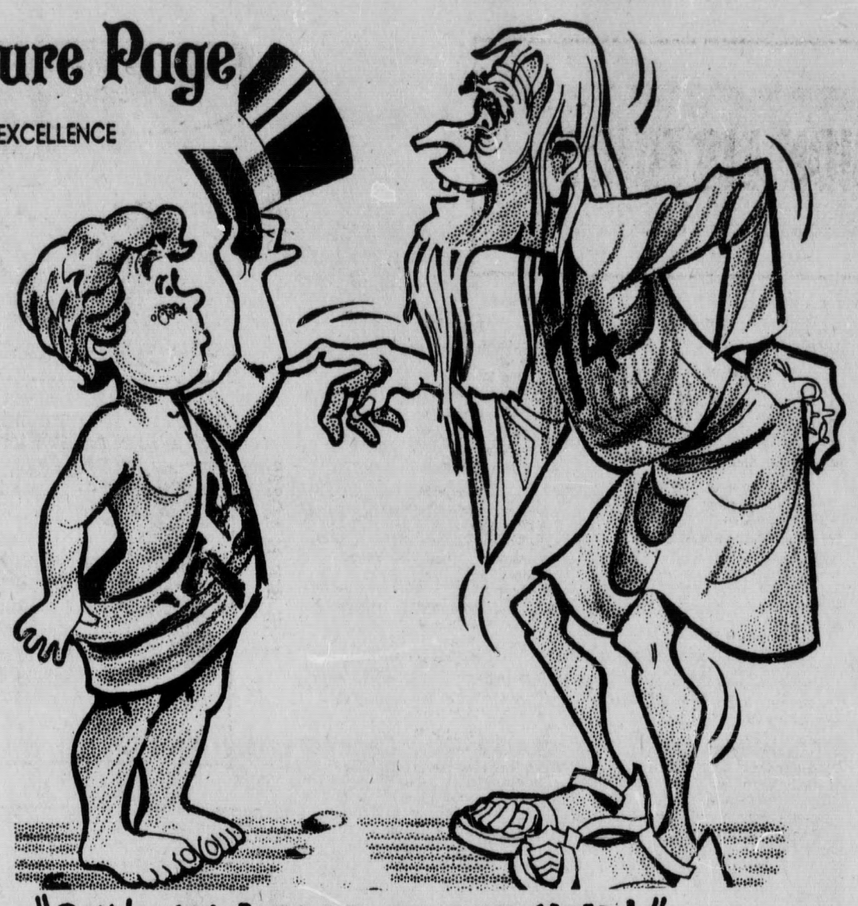
Perhaps the valley's press is guilty of "not printing enough bad things about the schools." But it is also evident that the newspapers are aware of the turmoil which has engulfed the local educational picture — particulary in Livermore and Pleasanton — in recent years. The duty to print a steady flow of administrative shortcomings — alleged or suspected — is balanced by a genuine or suspected — is balanced by a genuine desire to see the schools improve themselves, and regain a measure of public respect. There comes a time when criticism for criticism's sake is self defeating.

The fact that public education on the local front is something less than perfect is no longer news. The turnover in superintendents and other top - level people in the last few years indicates that no one clique is in power, and no crook is hiding his private Watergate.

To argue that "I no longer get involved in community affairs because the community is beyond redemption" is a cop out of the first order. Our cities and our villages are still vibrant, an exciting test for the best of our skills. There are things to accomplish — for our schools, for our parks, for the improvement of municipal government — that are goal enough for any of us, and often bigger even than the sum of our energies.

Let the people get off their suburban duffs and search out the brighter side of their community, and then let the press report THAT big story in 1975. Let enough honest people focus their attention on the local schools, and the achievement of public education will be the year - end triumph to be heralded, just 365 days hence.

The press printed enough 1974 news in about the faults of this valley to last us all a very long time. There must be something positive about this scene that is worth our attention, and your interest. The mood of Watergate belongs to the past. Perhaps a large helping of Horatio Alger — or maybe a little Blue Nun — is needed to brighten our news menu in the year ahead.



One man's view. . .

Christmas visitors

Although little children and big stores look forward to the holiday season for good reason, those of us who fall into that vast middle ground have even better reasons for dreading the coming of Christmas and New Year's.

Aside from the sometimes substantial financial blows that fall, there is one hallowed institution of the winter holidays that is viewed with terror by all — the family gathering.

Of course it's not too bad if it's your family — I mean, after all they are all witty, charming and full of good cheer.

(Well of course, there are those little brats that your older brother insists on bringing to every party; and your old aunt who keeps repeating those timeworn stories about the Depression. But they are your family, after all, and you're used to them and why your wife should get so upset just because some of the people there don't hold their liquor too well is a mystery.)

But your in-laws. How such a lovely woman as your wife could have ever been produced by such a mixed bag of heavy drinkers, half wits and jovial incompetents is beyond all comprehension. She, of course, has a lot to recommend her, since you did fall in love with her, but her relatives are almost too much to take.

How can any one group of people be so consistently misinformed about so many issues? They invariably are political babes-in-the-wood who have no conception of how the world works; their views on sports are way out of line(some of them are — dare I say it? — even 49er fans) and to attempt to bring up religion is a sure guarantee for three or four hours on the declining morality of today's youth and how tough it was when they grew up.

And naturally, her relatives never have just short open houses or cocktail parties. No sir, her family has a traditional Christmas weekend feast that starts early in the afternoon and runs almost until midnight.

Her unbearable Uncle Fred is plastered by 3 p.m. and starts pinching every fanny in sight(male or female) by 5. The unbelievably ratty group of kids start fighting as soon as they get inside the door and after a few glasses of dinner wine get amazingly cranky and hard to handle.

Her mother gets together with five other older women and talk about the handsome man who's now way up in AT&T that almost married your wife and your wife (YOUR wife) joins the other women to tell funny stories about the time you tried to fix the stopped up toilet. (How could you know that pipe would let all the sewage into the basement?)

But, manfully, you endure the seemingly endless day, propping your eyes open with a great effort of will and lapping up Uncle Joe's bourbon (amazingly, they do have good taste in liquor) to fortify yourself.

At last, the family gathering mercifully ends, and you face a pleasant three hour drive home through hordes of equally, drunk, exhausted and disgusted drivers.

Finally, you stagger home (having narrowly avoided death on the freeway six times), take eight aspirin, set the alarm for a glorious five hours sleep and hit the pillow.

But before you go to sleep, visions of little Johnny tossing his cookies by the front door dancing in your head, your wife turns to you with that phrase that wives have used to describe those horrendous parties since time immemorial — "There now, that wasn't so bad, was it?"

Only your imminent demise and innate respect for womanhood keep you from belting her right in the chops.

Letters to The Editor

Reader concerned for 580 access

Editor, The Times;

I read with concern in today's paper the possible removal of the Foothill Road existing interchange for the widening of 580 for an expected duration of three months. Perhaps, as in the construction business, this may even take longer to accomplish.

I said concern, as I am a resident of Highland Oaks. This area as well as Stoneridge was mentioned in the article. Oak Hill and other residents along Foothill would also be denied direct access to 580, San Ramon Rd., Dublin, etc.

Children in the Murray School District attending schools in Dublin would have to be bussed via Bernal and 680 to 580 to Dublin. Men and women working in Dublin, Oakland, Livermore, other areas of Pleasanton, and north to Walnut Creek would have to travel via Bernal to 680 to 580, etc. It now takes me about 5 minutes to travel the 1.5 miles to the interchange on Foothill. How long would it take to go the round about route to San Ramon Rd.?

If health or sickness, let alone emergencies should arise, again we would have to go to the various hospitals via Bernal to 680 to 580, even to get to the Family Health Center in Saux Ramon. That trip now takes approximately 12 minutes on Foothill.

The closing of Foothill interchange would virtually cut off our area, make Foothill an even more dangerous road than exists now and provide more traffic to and from Bernal. Surely, through engineering know-how an off ramp (temporary) from Foothill going east down 580 to the 680 interchange could be devised. Thus residents of this area would have easier access to Dublin and other areas without going miles out of the way via Bernal. Highland Oaks alone consists of 352 homes. Stoneridge, Oak Hill and the other residents of this area make up a large portion of Pleasanton.

More time and gas must be spent to get to work, doctors, hospitals, churches, schools, gas stations, emergency help, businesses in Dublin as well as Pleasanton if the Foothill interchange is closed.

I hope that the City of Pleasanton will take these matters in to account when the City is formally requested by the state to close the interchange.

Mrs. Donald Bunce
Pleasanton

(For an update on the interchange story, please see Tuesday's Times. The Editor)

Free phone calls to state agencies

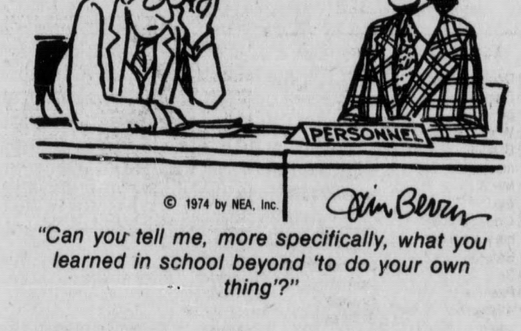
SACRAMENTO — Toll-free telephone numbers are now available for citizens seeking assistance from state agencies, according to state Sen. John A. Nejedly, R-Walnut Creek.

"This new service will be an important step in better citizen-government relations."

Nejedly said the following state agencies can be reached by dialing these toll-free numbers:

Attorney General (800) 952-5225, California Inter-Agency Council on Family Planning (800) 772-2444, Department of Consumer Affairs (800) 952-5210, Department of Health (800) 952-5250, Department of Motor Vehicles (800) 952-5232, Department of Transportation (800) 952-5270, Governor's office (800) 952-5230, and the state Franchise Board (effective Dec. 1) (800) 852-7050 or 852-7100.

Berry's World



"Can you tell me, more specifically, what you learned in school beyond 'to do your own thing'?"

Sound and Fury

Walt Hecox

Happy new year, my friends. The hare came home last night, out of the frost after a 12 year absence, chasing the tiger as is his custom, breathing icicles and shivering in the cold January night.

He will not arrive for some weeks for the Chinese, but they have designated this the year of the hare and this is OUR new year so we must let him in early if we are to enjoy his oriental presence.

The tiger is gone and good riddance. Chased into eternity for another dozen years by that precocious rodent who opens the cycle for the Chinese calendar.

The year of the tiger was not our best. It opened with agony for this old man and ended in ignominy.

We sat, Skeeter and I, on the chilly rim of the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum and watched the Raiders be humiliated by a Pittsburg Steeler team they had beaten 17 zilch early in the season.

The tragedy for us was small; we can wait until next year and the year after that if that is what is needed.

But we felt for our friend, John Madden, the King Sized Squire of Pleasanton who carries the burden of winning or losing by the Raiders on his ample shoulders.

Thank God they are ample. Under Madden the Raiders sculptured the best record in regular season professional football in 1974, one of the several good things to happen during the year.

But they lost one game too soon, two games too soon for Madden who, like any properly competitive American, doesn't think much of a red or yellow ribbon, a silver or bronze medal.

Blue is his color and gold his metal, the color and texture of first place, the only place for a man born to win.

One year earlier I had sat before a television set and watched Madden's strong boys ground under by an invincible Miami team.

As I say, the year of the tiger started with agony and ended with ignominy' I suffer for my friend John and his lovely wife, Virginia.

More, perhaps, than Madden does himself. No doubt he repeated one of his best phrases last Sunday night.

"Oh, hell, that was this afternoon. This is tonight!

We could learn a lesson from Madden, my friends. This is the year of the hare. Forget the tiger. The only way out is up

We sat in gas lines in 1974, remember. Watched a president resign in anger and without humility, a man caught dealing seconds to the constituents who elected him and who snarled in self righteous rage when called for cheating.

A sorry lesson for our young people, my friends. We who have watched five decades slide by on this mournful old globe know this nation can survive its Richard Nixons, its Benedict Arnolds, its John Browns and Abbie Hoffmans.

Younger folk are inclined to lose faith. To stagger and turn cynical under the outrage. We cannot let that happen, for we need them, my friends, need them to take over the world with wide eyed innocence and courage, with intelligent devotion to improving a system and a nation constructed on the finest of idealistic foundations.

So we forget the Richard Nixons. We sympathize with his present plight, granting him that intangible comfort one human being can grant another and forget sympathy is something he never owned or felt, not for the Alger Hisses, Whitaker Chambers, Helen Gahagan Douglases or all the rest of the wild eyed, muddle headed liberals over whose prostrate bodies he scrambled to his pinnacle.

Forget the tiger, my friends, and try to get along with the hare. A strange year for most of the folks in these United States. A strange one for me.

I opened the year with a state of uncertainty, a managing editor, whatever that is, doing a city editor's work while the staff of this newspaper was being shaken around a bit.

Before the year ended I was to see an announcement on page on stating I had been appointed managing editor. Folks said, "congratulations."

I didn't know what to say.

Except that I have enjoyed my alliance with John Edmands and learned again a lesson I must be taught now and then.

Things are not always what they seem. And most men are a hell of a lot better than you might think.

For me it was a fun year in many ways. For some months I was allowed to run free as a reporter.

I wrote stories about old people and land owners, about cowboys and Easter, cemeteries and churches, landowners and former mayors.

For a while last summer I thought it was high noon, the sun bright on Livermore's First Street, little boys hiding behind gasoline pumps and fire hydrants, little girls screaming, bear grease in my holster while the Livermore City Council led by a firy lass named Helen Tirsell met me with hands on the handles of their Colt 45's at 12 o'clock high.

No advantage to anyone that way, my friends. All gun battles should be fought at high noon when the sun can get in no one's eyes.

As for five guns to one I figure that, with the present Livermore council, it was about the right number. A fair fight all around.

The tiger did one favor for this old man. He brought me the greatest, stories it has ever been my privilege to follow.

It started with the smallest of stories, four paragraphs on page five or six in the Valley and Pleasanton Times, announcing the sale of a golf course.

Strange, my friends. I knew from the beginning there was one hell of a story at Sunol, had talked to Tony Romano and could not really believe the person with whom I conversed was real, was aware of the tangle of E Cards and multiple owners and the plight of Frank Ivaldi, a good man caught in his own wild dream.

Even stranger, though the course was often a gathering place for newsmen, no one else was aware of what was about to happen.

The place closed, E Card holders howled in anger, Roman Morkowski, a bartender who loves to eat and play golf, lost a job he treasured and he jolted the press, but only a little.

While Morkowski was howling for justice I was talking to a man named Abe Chapman at Sunol, an alleged one time trigger man and attempting to discover if he had arranged Teamster money to finance Sunol. Covering the story with both hands any my hat while I strove for a shattering series, one I ran early because I was afraid with Morkowski's noise the opposition might be awakened.

You will remember how the story blossomed. And it was fun, my friends. Hell to see my friends hurt, but they dug the hole, not I. A big adventure in 1974. The year of the tiger.

But forget the tiger, my friends. A bad year over all The year of the hare is here. As Johnny Madden would say, "That was this afternoon. This is tonight!"

round the town

Only if you have known the thrill of sharing a pair of earphones with your sister as you huddled around the crystal set for the laughter promised from some distant city can you really appreciate a talent like Jack Benny. He belonged to us, to the simple joys we knew, the depression we shared, the entertainment that came into our home of a cold winter's night like voices from the bottom of a well, or perhaps from the top of some far - away hill.

It was a very long way from the prairies of Canada to the glory land of Hollywood. That the magic of radio could even bridge that expanse was enough to convince us children the likes of Jack Benny and Fred Allen were blessed with some very special kind of magic. The broadcast itself was perhaps incidental to the thrill of discovering a world beyond our own, a fairyland of stars, a place where people could manufacture laughter, and send a package all the way to our house, every week of the year.

In today's world of electronic wonders it is difficult to relate to the importance of one radio show, or one performer's ability to project himself into our poor lives, and introduce us to the life out there. Jack Benny was the paragon of that radio era which — by simply flipping a switch and turning one massive dial — we might journey from Moose Jaw to Anaheim and Azusa, from the depths of a depression to the richness of their laughter.

For such major broadcasts as these our single crystal set with its limited number of ear phones was never enough. It was necessary to amplify the sound to reach the full circle of those gathered around that box. Mother's largest mixing bowl usually served us best in this regard. By placing all of the head sets in the bowl, the sound would swirl down and then out with enough force to reach the farthest chair in that circle Thus it was that we shared the likes of a Benny, a Burns or an Allen.

There was a comic sadness about their offerings. The hero was forever put down, denied, losing out to the establishment, or even to the unresponsive taxi cab driver. It was this weekly battle against the frustrations of higher authority which matched our own struggle — with prices we could not afford, clothing we could not buy, or luxuries ever beyond our reach. Jack Benny was the personification of everything we knew and loved and hated about the Great Depression. It was the sincerity of his own approach that won him for him the world's largest audience, and for his sponsors the undying loyalty of consuming millions.

"LUX PRESENTS HOLLYWOOD," Cecil B. DeMille would intone each Monday night, and in all the years of my childhood I never knew any other soap in our house but Lux. Kate Smith sang to us, Gabriel Heatter implored us, Lowell Thomas informed while Fibber McGee and Molly tickled. The parade of talent was endless. It was an entertainment era that would never be equalled, not by television, not by the silver screen, and not even — in our prarie town — by the occasional visits of second class vaudeville. We had the best the world could offer, and for no greater price than we buy "Ipana for the smile of happiness, Sal Hepatic for the smile of health."

If we were being lead into the huckster's trap, then we went willingly. It was in fact a fair exchange. Their entertainment for our limited consumer dollars. The integrity of those who entertained us doubtless reflected on our judgment of the product they pushed The soap "ninety-nine and forty-four one hundredths percent pure" was never questioned in that claim, because Kate Smith would never let us down.

These were the benchmarks of our daily lives, just as the crystal set was the harbinger of a better life to come. It is significant also that in all of this broadcast talent there was not to bombard us with the "message" story that seems so determined to save today's television audience. Even in the soulful offerings of Amos and Andy, the plight of those two black - faced Americans was a message of humor despite adversity, rather than an attempt at changing society's mores.

Jack Benny was part of that world, my world. And in later years we would come to learn that the "Mary Livingstone" of his uncertain love life was in truth the girl he married, and who worked beside him for almost all of their adult lives. She was still at Jack Benny's side when the great one finally slipped from this life. Their love had endured for 47 years. Our love for them, and for all who brought us the world in mother's mixing bowl, endures still.

—by john edmands

DAILY TELEVISION LISTINGS

Wed., Jan. 1

7:30 A.M.
2—Cartoon Town
5-10—Special: Cotton Bowl Festival Parade
40—Three Stooges
44—Special: Rose Parade Preview

7:45 A.M.
3-4—Special: Rose Parade Preview

8:00 A.M.
13—I Love Lucy
40—Speed Racer
44—Special: Tournament of Roses Parade

8:30 A.M.
2—Romper Room
3-4-5-10—Special: Tournament of Roses Parade
7—Movie: "The Day the Earth Stood Still"
13—Gilligan's Island
40—Munsters

9:00 A.M.
2—Joker's Wild
13—I Dream of Jeannie
40—Dennis the Menace

9:30 A.M.
2—Donna Reed
13—Dick Van Dyke
40—Jack LaLanne

10:00 A.M.
2—Movie: "David and Bathsheba"
13—Hazel
40—Movie: "Rawhide"
44—Special: Tournament of Roses Parade

10:30 A.M.
7-13—Brady Bunch

10:50 A.M.
36—The Community Speaks

11:00 A.M.
3-4—Special: Circus Town
5-10—Special: Cotton Bowl: Penn State vs. Baylor Bears
7-13—Money Maze
36—Public Affairs

11:30 A.M.
7-13—Big Showdown
36—Yoga for Health

12:00 NOON
2—Big Valley
3-4—SPecial: Magic Holiday
7-13—Password All Stars
36—Movie: "Pyro"
40—Dealer's Choice

12:30 P.M.
3-4—Special: NBC News
7-13—Split Second
40—Barbara Walters
44—Tennessee Tuxedo

1:00 P.M.
2—Movie: "Thunderhead — Son of Flicka"
7-13—All My Children
40—Movie: "Hell and High Water
44—Gomer Pyle

1:30 P.M.
3-4—Rose Bowl Pre - Game Show
5—Super Bowl Highlights
7-13—Let's Make a Deal
10—Name of the Game
44—Beverly Hillbillies

1:45 P.M.
3-4—Special: Rose Bowl: Ohio State vs. USC Trojans

2:00 P.M.
5—To Be Announced
7-13—$10,000 Pyramid
36—Mike Douglas
44—Underdog

2:30 P.M.
7-13—One Life to Live
40—News
44—Huck and Yogi

3:00 P.M.
2—Porky and Friends
7-13—General Hospital
10—Dinah!
40—Cap'n Mitch
44—Banana Splits

3:30 P.M.
2—Gilligan's Island
5—Concentration
7—Movie: "The Feminist and the Fuzz"
13—Truth or Consequences
36—Millionaire
40—Flinstones
44—Popeye

4:00 P.M.
2—Batman
5-10—Mike Douglas
13—Merv Griffin
36—Movie: "Passport for a Corpse"
40—Partridge Family
44—Flintstones

4:30 P.M.
2—I Dream of Jeannie
40—Superman

4:45 P.M.
3-4—Orange Bowl: Notre Dame vs. Alabama

5:00 P.M.
2—Bonanza
7—News
40—Mod Squad
44—Three Stooges

5:30 P.M.
5—Dealer's Choice
10-13—News
44—Little Rascals

6:00 P.M.
2—Love American Style
5-7-10—News
13—Raymond Burr
36—Movie: "The Las Vegas Story"
40—Star Trek
44—Wild, Wild West

6:30 P.M.
2—Bewitched

7:00 P.M.
2-40—FBI
10—Concentration
44—Hogan's Heroes

7:30 P.M.
5—Concentration
7—Rainbow Sundae
10—Name That Tune
13—To Tell the Truth

8:00 P.M.
2—National Geographic

Johnny Wonder's QUESTION CORNER

Q. "WHAT IS THE PARTHENON?"

In the city of Athens, Greece, stands a small plateau called the Acropolis, or hilltop city.

Long ago, the ancient Greeks built magnificent temples on top of the Acropolis to honor their gods and goddesses.

The most famous Acropolis temple is the Parthenon (pronounced PAHR the non). It was built in honor of Athena Parthenos, a goddess who supposedly watched over Athens.

Like other Greek temples of its time, the Parthenon was built of marble and then painted in brilliant colors. The walls were decorated with carvings of the people parading to honor Athena.

Inside the temple itself stood a 40-foot-tall ivory and gold statue of the goddess.

Many parts of the Parthenon were destroyed by time and war. The statue of Athena was lost long ago.

Today, in Athens, you can see the ruins of this old marble temple, built more than 2,000 years ago.

A pocket radio, camera, World Almanac globe or other fine prize will be awarded to the first youngster sending in a question used here. Send your question and your age to Johnny Wonder, (c/o this newspaper), Box 1335 (DA), Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Daddy said 'Happy New Year,' but I don't think he meant it!"

astrograph

by Bernice Bede Osol

Wednesday — Jan. 1, 1975

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something of an urgent nature will suddenly pop up in the afternoon, causing you to think more of business than pleasure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't say yes to anything too far in advance of the event. Later you'll want to change your mind and you'll need room to back out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll be making a resolution to get something wrapped up that you've let hang-fire too long. This time you'll do it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A matter that requires communication shouldn't be treated in such a tardy fashion. Get on it now — it will be harder to reach your party later.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Someone to whom you're related has a rather interesting proposition for you. You should hear it through before you prejudge.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22) Step in and take over if you're involved in something with another and you know a better and quicker way to handle matters.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 23) You're going to have something you'll like given to you quite unexpectedly from one who has been extremely considerate of you lately.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22) One you'll be talking with will implant the seed of a good idea in your mind. You'll later use it to your personal advantage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21) An ambitious interest of yours can be advanced through an opportunity of a fleeting nature. If you play coy, it won't happen.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19) You will be receiving some good news from one you're fond of but is separated from you by a considerable distance.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 19) Someone will offer you something of material value. If you want it, speak up now. Later the same offer will have strings attached.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20) Base today's decisions on conditions as they presently exist, looking neither too far ahead nor too far behind.

your birthday

Your Birthday — Jan. 1, 1975
This year contains some interesting surprises that will be to your liking. Through several new acquanitances, valuable and profitable knowledge will be acquired.

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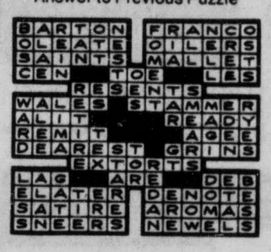
CROSSWORD

Scientists

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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10 Woman's name
12 Brazilian macaws
14 Mechanical device
15 Goes back on his word (coll.)
17 Before
18 So
20 Pastureland
21 Affirmative votes
22 Expert
24 Walked
27 City in Spain
29 Show respect to
31 Printing mistakes
35 American inventor (1847-1931)
36 English mathematician
37 Drink in honor of
39 Genus of willows
40 Performed
43 Numerical suffix
45 Pronoun
46 Disappear slowly
47 Knock
50 French bacteriologist
53 British geologist
55 Gratify
56 Defense group (ab.)
57 Change
58 Blemish

DOWN
1 Cotton bundle
2 Heavy blow
3 Bee's home
4 Postal abbreviation
5 Late Italian tenor
6 Noun suffixes
7 Operated
8 Choler
9 Bird of prey
11 Ostentatious
13 Trickle
16 Posed
19 Capital of Montana
21 "___ fideles"
22 Land measure
23 English naturalist
24 Town (Cornish prefix)
25 Vivid color
26 Egg (comb. form)
28 Leased
30 Crucifix
32 Lawyer (ab.)
33 Pedal digit
34 Literary collection
38 Gazer
40 Venomous snake
41 Fellow (coll.)
42 American inventor (1857-1943)
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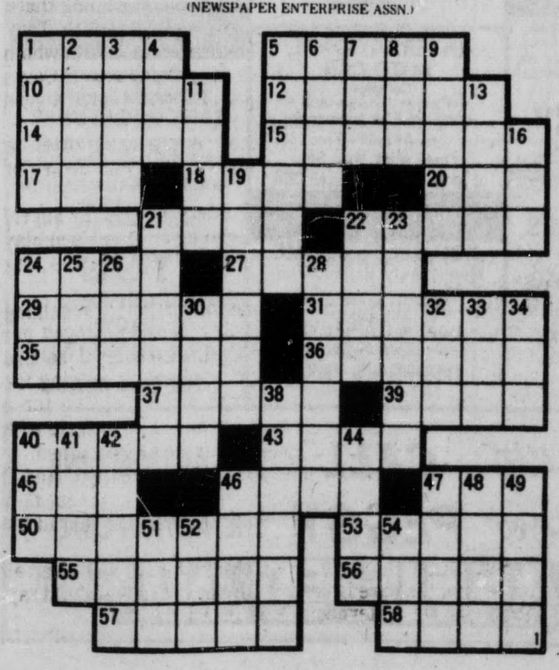

WIN AT BRIDGE

A simple squeeze for New Year

NORTH 1
♠ 10 5 3 2
♥ K 8 2
♦ K 6 4
♣ 9 5 4

WEST (D)
♠ 6 4
♥ 9 3
♦ 10 5
♣ A K Q J 8 7 6

EAST
♠ 8 7
♥ Q J 10 7 5 4
♦ Q J 9 8 2
♣ —

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 9
♥ A 6
♦ A 7 3
♣ 10 3 2

North-South vulnerable

West	North	East	South
4♣	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead—K ♣

By Oswald & James Jacoby

Happy New Year readers! We are going to start the year off with the simplest squeeze play there is. It is so simple that the only read way to avoid working it is to give up and concede down one, because you are only looking at nine top tricks.

South might double West's four-club opening, but no one can blame him for his four-spade bid.

Things don't start out well since West cashes three clubs right off the bat. Then it doesn't matter what he shifts to. Suppose he leads a trump as is most likely. South simply runs off all his five trumps and discards a small diamond from dummy. That leaves South with two hearts and three diamonds while dummy holds three hearts and two diamonds and poor East holds his head in pain.

He has to come down to five cards also and must unguard one of his queens. It doesn't matter which one. If South counts he will know whether his 10th trick will be scored by his third diamond or dummy's third heart.

Can the squeeze be missed? Yes. If South refuses to cash his last trump the squeeze just won't have developed.

(NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

♥♠CARD Sense♦♣

The bidding has been: 1

West	North	East	South
			1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3 N.T.	Pass	?

You, South, hold:
♠ K 7 6 4 3 ♥ A 2 ♦ 9 ♣ A K 7 3 2
What do you do now?

A—Pass. You have shown your two suits. Trust your partner.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Instead of bidding three notrump, he has bid four diamonds over your three spades. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

Send $1 for JACOBY MODERN book to: "Win at Bridge," (c/o this newspaper), P.O. Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019.

BENSY

THE BORN LOSER

MOOSE MILLER

LET'S WATCH ONE OF THOSE SAD, WEEPY SOAP OPERAS!
THIS IS THE SAME THING, CINDY
THERE'S THIS POOR LITTLE QUARTERBACK AND EVERYONE HATES HIM!
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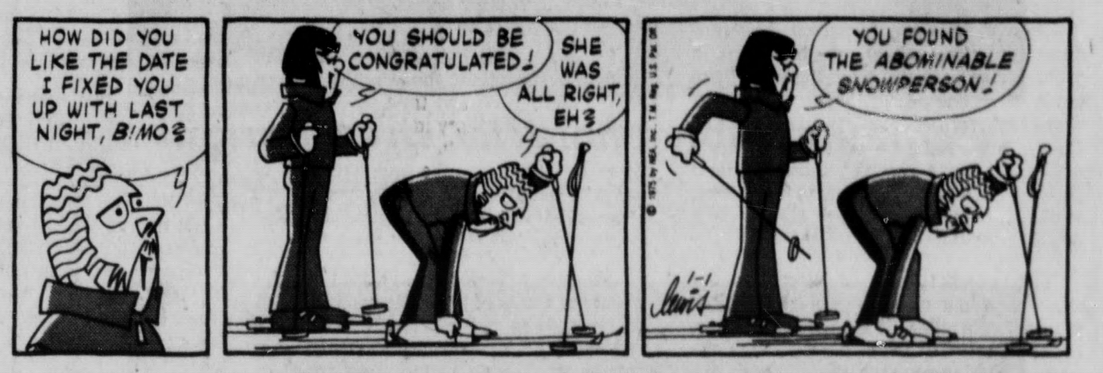
BOB WEBER

CAMPUS CLATTER


HOW DID YOU LIKE THE DATE I FIXED YOU UP WITH LAST NIGHT, BIMO?
YOU SHOULD BE CONGRATULATED! SHE WAS ALL RIGHT, EH?
YOU FOUND THE ABOMINABLE SNOWPERSON!
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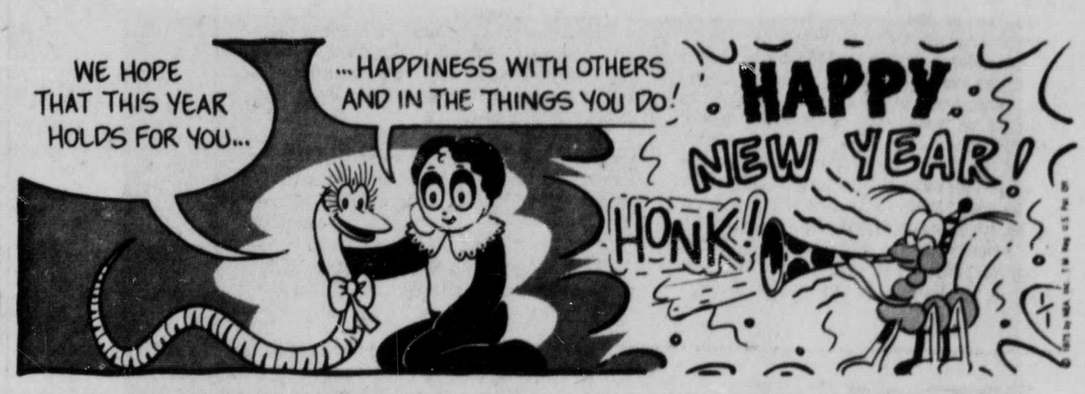
PRISCILLA'S POP

SHORT RIBS

AMANDA PANDA



CARNIVAL by Dick Turner

"Whad'dya mean 'Happy New Year'!

That's what you said last year and look what happened!"

SIDE GLANCES by Gill Fox

"The TV went off and I don't have anything to study my lessons by!"

Telephone cables hold this tree upright

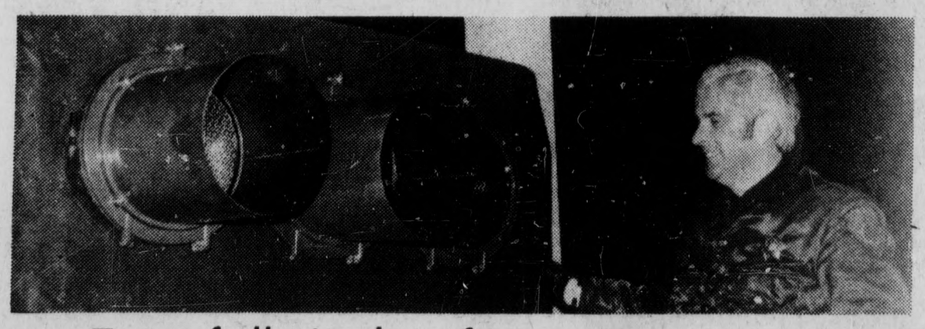
Pacific Telephone cables prevented the tree from landing in the street electric wires sparked from the weight, prompting Livermore fire department to respond.

City work crews turn out

Trees blocked North Livermore Avenue at 10 p.m. in the height of the wind storm.

Fallen traffic signal at Holmes St.

Officer Bob Tette holds this upside down traffic light to keep it from breaking off in the wind. The cal state highway department arrived and tied it up about 10 p.m. Monday.



Tree falls inches from new car

A huge tree, uprooted by the wind narrowly missed a Christmas car at the 3800 block of Yale Avenue.

(Times Photos by Lee Estes)

LEGAL NOTICE

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By /s/ Mrs. Katherine Spickard
Church Clerk

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Name .....
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City .....
Start Ad .....
Phone .....

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OAK DESK $35., Corner Table $10., 2 Leather Chairs $14., 462-3105.

LOST: Rabbit in the Almond Ave - Auburn St. Area. If found call 447-5827.

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48. Articles for Sale

ELECTRIC Guitar Never Used $65, Consol record player $25, Snow chains New $15. 846-5935.

FOR BEST RESULTS CALL 462-4160

4. Lost & Found

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LOST: Fem. Blk/tan Shep herd/Terrier mix W/white chest & Feet. Lic # 4896 447-0300.

6. Transportation

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9. Services Offered

HOUSE PAINTING, CARPENTRY & HOME REPAIRS Dan, 455-0501

CARPENTRY & HOME REPAIR free estimates. 455-0501

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4. Lost & Found

FOUND: Sunol Reg'l Park Black Lab. female. Recently had pups. Starved cond. 862-2244.

FOUND: Sunol Reg'l Pk. med. male, black and white "sheep dog type," 862-2244.

FOUND: TERRIER, female, Vin. Pleasanton Hill Rd. Call and identify, 462-2676.

LOST: 12/30 FEM. Irish Setter Vic. Amador Valley & Village Pkwy. Has Leather Collar 829-5415 or 635-9600.

FOUND - Black & tan puppy. Part beagle. approx 10 wks. Vic. Barcelona, Livermore. 447-6274.

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"Largest Stock in the Valley"
COMPLETE AUTO MACHINE SHOP
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Liv., 447-6100 241 North M.

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Parts For All Foreign Cars
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Complete Foreign Auto Service
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YOU CALL—I COME
Mobile Auto Repair Truck Serv.
(We fix on the spot)
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Tuneups; Brakes; Ball Joints; Shocks; Auto Repair
LIVERMORE AUTO SERVICE
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Expert Tune-up and Brake Specialists
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VALLEY TIRE SERVICE
Specialized in Dunlop & Pirelli tires. Other brands available.
Balancing
Batteries
Fleet truck service
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World's largest Transmission Specialists
AAMCO FEATURES
Free towing; road test; free Multi check, 19 point test.
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Need our help to grow.
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PHONE 462-4160 PEGGY THE ACTION LINE!
CLASSIFIED ADS THE PLACE TO LOOK

24. Instruction

PARENTS! The best piano students are children ages 5 to 7, because they are most eager and receptive. Piano is one of the easiest instruments to play. Adults as well as children can read music with one lesson. Call Mrs. Chiono for private lesson. 828-3892 $12 per month. Special Family Rate.

Classified
462-4160

27. Nursery Schools

LIC. CHILD CARE. Convenient to Lab traffic & sch. Large fenced play area. Lots of activities. Ref. 447-0593.

FULL TIME day care home. **(Nursery sch. teacher).** Drop ins. To 6. Liv. 443-5471.

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32. Help Wanted

BANK-NCR PROOF OPERATOR
Co. offers minimum $475 mo., plus fantastic benefits. Call **828-6161.**
French & French Agency of Dublin, 6500 Village Parkway.

BANK TELLER $390 MONTH
for 30 hr. week. Call Mrs. Colby at **828-6161.**
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CLERK TYPIST $520 MONTH
Type 45 wpm plus dictaphone and this nice job can be yours. Call Mrs. Davis at **828-6161.**
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DENTAL RECP'T
$450 month for 30 hr. week. Doctor needs exp. plus x-ray knowledge. Call Connie at **828-6161.**
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32. Help Wanted

DOCTOR'S SEC'T TO $500
with super benefit package. Call now **828-6161.**
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Maintenance Specialists
Our Dublin R & D lab has an opening for a mainteriance specialist. Duties will include machining, misc. shop tool operation, welding and general plant and equipment maintenance. Should have 1-3 years experience in similar position.

We offer a challenging job, good advancement opportunity, competitive salary and a complete benefit plan. Apply in person at our personnel dept., 11711 Dublin Blvd., Dublin.
An equal opportunity employer.
HEXCEL

PERSON FRIDAY $600 MONTH
Small mfgr. firm has need for person who can handle office on own. For more info. call **828-6161.**
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SERVICE GUIDE
Call an EXPERT
QUALITY SERVICE • ESTIMATES

PAINTING & PAPER HANGING
More than 20 years experience
Call for estimate 829-1394

32. Help Wanted

SALES REP
Office supplies to $800 mo. Call Peggy at **828-6161.**
French & French Agency of Dublin, 6500 Village Parkway.

SEC'T INSURANCE
$500 mo. for 33 hr. week. Broker exp. needed. Company needs now. Call Darlene at **828-6161.**
French & French Agency of Dublin, 6500 Village Parkway.

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Temporary help Service
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Concord 825-8141
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ACCOUNTING CLERKS
CLERK TYPISTS
NO FEE ● TOP PAY
●● TASK FORCE ●●

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Secretary
Gen'l Office, full chg. bookkeeper
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Journeyman Machinist
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Pharmaceutical Sales
Many other jobs available, fee (financing available) and no fee.
Happy New Year
829-3900
Volume I Personnel Agency
7001 Village Pkwy., Dublin

ASSISTANT TO BUSY FULLER BRUSH MAN to pick up and deliver orders. Retired or not. Car and phone necessary. **937-4253.**

BILINGUAL OFFICE PERSON Need typing, bookkeeping, receptionist skills, fluency in English/Spanish. Salary $555 to $675. Mail Qualification to Health Care Center, 4361 Railroad Avenue Pleas. 94566.

INTERVIEW NOW. Begin in Jan. Full or part time., showing Beeline Fashions. No investment, collecting or delivery. For interview appt. call: 447-3382 or 846-8641.

ARROYO AGENCY
LOCAL JOBS
FOR LOCAL PEOPLE
39 South Liv. Ave., Liv.
447-3959

HERITAGE HAS OPENINGS
(in Dublin & Livermore offices)
Come to where the ACTION IS!! 1975 is going to be a **GOOD** year in residential real estate!! Start it right with Heritage. Excellent commission and bonus plan. **COMPLETE TRAINING!!** For interview call Doug Hall 828-6060; eves. 828-6641.

MEDICAL OFFICE
Receptionist & Transcribing 33 hour week. $550 - $600 Mo., Salary.
ARROYO AGENCY
39 So. Livermore Ave., Liv.
447-3959

33. Salespeople

FULL TIME sales help, exper. preferred. Phone for appt., Mrs. Diaz, 846-4653. The Gold Hanger, Pleasanton.

34. Domestics Needed

WANTED: BABYSITTER in my home from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 5 days a week. 462-1865 eves.

WANTED: Ambitious Teenage girl in Sunset Area to do light housekeeping. 1 day, 3 Hrs. 447-9186 After 6 p.m.

EXPERIENCED WOMAN to do day work. 1 Day a week $2.50 hr. Call 829-4463.

CHILD CARE my home, hot lunches, fenced yard, part-time O.K., Licensed. 846-6449.

38. Pets & Services

DARLING Peke-a-Poo puppies. 2 mo. old $20 each. 829-4438

45. Antiques

YEAR END SALE
Prices reduced thru Jan. 11th
443-8282
166 South "J" St. Liv.

46. Appliances

REFRIG. Top Freezer 16 Ft. FrostFree $150, Electric Dryer Vent-Less $25. 443-4932.

48. Articles for Sale

FIREWOOD SALE
Split and seasoned Eucalyptus NOW $68.99 Cord
Log Cabin Firewood Co. Hayward 537-5066 or 537-7943 eves.

OAK FIREWOOD
½ Cord $45, 1 cord $80
DELIVERED
846-3856 or 846-5258

PUBLIC AUCTION
Thurs., Jan. 2, 7 p.m.
New market samples. Bedroom sets, dining room sets, chairs, recliners, tables, also 2 housefuls of top quality repossessed furniture. Sofas, loveseats, lamps, Sony tape recorder model TC-540, refrigerators, washers, dryers. Large Lot of New Wicker and Rattan Furniture.
100's of items not listed (NO JUNK) Auctioneers note: We try our best to conduct a clean, honest auction. Dealers always welcome. Preview merchandise from noon Thurs. 'til sale.
MC COY'S AUCTION
22366 Fuller Ave.
Hayward 785-2818

DUNCAN-PHYFE Mahogany Dining Set Incl. Hutch. $125, Green Vinyl Rocker $5. 829-5184.

OAK FIREWOOD, Bonus Extra Dry. Split and Delivered $45 per half cord. Vince 447-1073.

GARAGE SALE: Many Misc. items, Furniture, Books & etc. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 4 & 5, 526 Maple St., Livermore.

TRUNDLE BED Complete With Mattress & Quilted Cover. Excel. Cond. 462-1484.

FORD Maverick '73 engine 250, 6 Cyl. Automatic, Power steering, chrome rims. Excel. Cond. $2600 or offer. 462-3061.

48. Articles for Sale

POOL TABLES, GENUINE SLATE Complete accessories, delivered & installed: 4'x8', $475 & 3½'x7' $440.
Dealer: 537-4158

OAK FIREWOOD, $75 a cord, driveway delivered. Call 443-4718

PIN. SHAVINGS
Bulk or Bag,
pick-up or Del.
651-4150 or 793-1954

WHITE DBLE BED. complete $60., Matching 4 drawer Chest $15. King Box/spring & Frame. $25 462-1774 eve.

REDI-LOGS, Pleas. Amer. Little League. $4.25 for 6 log case. 3 hrs. 462-1685 or 846-8658.

49. Television-Stereo

NIKKO 2010 receiver; Gerrard turntable; ARX speakers; like new. Must sell. 829-1683, Work, 828-3434. Ask for Kerri.

PIANOS & ORGANS, year end special. Cable grand, 5 ft. 2 in. New. Reg. $36.56, now $29.50. Wurlitzer walnut Spinet, deluxe model, reg. $1,105, sale price $990. Wurlitzer console, Italian provincial, deluxe, reg. $1,245, now $1,150; Fischer console piano, French provincial, reg. $1,495, now $1,295. Kohler & Campbell, Spinet or walnut, reg. $1,332, now $1,130. Hammond organ M3, used, perfect condition, $795. Thomas organ, convertible with color system, reg. $1,095, now $745. Used Optigon chord organ complete with records, $199. Wurlitzer, new, model 340, one only, reg. $1,055, now $988. Wurlitzer, new, model 340, one only, reg. $1,055, now $988. Wurlitzer organ, new, model 555, reg. $2,895 now $2,595. Runzo's Music World, 7017 Village Prkwy, Dub. 829-4333.

51. Musical Instruments

CASH FOR USED PIANOS
935-0155

71. Office Stores (Rent)

LIVERMORE Quality Office Space to Rent 400, 700 & 900 sq/ft. offices available. 447-6919 or 447-7020.

OFFICE BUILDING for lease 850 sq. ft. immediate Occupancy 80 Mission Dr. Pleas. 846-4424.

DUBLIN RETAIL STORES OR EXECUTIVE OFFICES
Several prime locations available. Start at 35¢
LANGE-HILDE
828-6900

DUBLIN OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT
Desirable, well-located office space on Village Parkway in Dublin, now available for immediate occupancy. 736 sq. ft. of space at a very reasonable rate. For more information and an appointment to see it, contact Mr. Barry at 443-1105.

75. Apartments for Rent

PLEAS. 2 bdrm., AEK, cpts, drapes. Adults only. No pets. 846-7764 or 846-1880.

DRIFTWOOD APTS.
Beautiful 1, 2 and 3 bdrm. apartments. Carpets, drapes, all-electric kitchens — with disposals and dishwashers. Air-conditioned. Clubhouse, Pool and Sauna. Walk to Shopping, Parks.
Furnished or Unfurnished.
From $125.
800 W. Grant Line Rd.
Tracy (209) 835-3187

80. Homes for Rent

DUBLIN vacant 4 bdrm., 2 bath, step down fam. rm. with fireplace. Dishwasher. Close to schools & shopping. $325 mo. Agt., 829-4222.

LIVERMORE 3 Bedroom, Fireplace Family room, $240. per month 283-6819 or 828-6534 eves.

Livermore: 3 bdrm, 2 bath, $240 mo. Call agent, 828-6600.

FOR RENT: Completely Furnished Home. 2 bedrm, 2 bath, den, Family rm. Formal Dining. 2 or 3 Adults. Call Before 8 Am or After 6 846-8224.

85. Mobile Home Lots

TRAILER SPACE FOR RENT
Close to schools and shopping. Up to 50 ft. 447-3551.

SAN RAMON

ASSUMABLE VA LOAN
7% annual rate, super sharp 4 Bdrm., 2 bath home. Fireplace in fam. rm., AEK, Beautiful shag carpets, Lovely yard with patio.
820-4300 537-4314
2701 Crow Canyon, San Ramon
ADAMS & ADAMS, REALTORS

DUBLIN

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM
DON GARLINGTON
BILL CROZIER
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MIKE REMER
Young American Realtors
829-4222
21310 San Ramon Valley Blvd.

PLEASANTON

LIVERMORE
CARLTON SQ. BEAUTY
Features include: lovely landscaping with fruit trees, child's play area, possible side yard access, covered patio, finished garage. Strikingly decorated, recently painted. Seller will pay necessary loan fee for new FHA or VA financing at $34,950.

PLEASANTON
INVESTORS PLEASE NOTE
Vacant 2 bdrm condominium in nice location. Swimming pool, vehicle storage and many other amenities. Good financing available. Owner must sell. Asking $19,400.

PLEASANTON
TRANSFERRED OWNER
hates to leave this lovely 3 bdrm, 1½ bath condominium. Carpeting, drapes, electric kitchen and much more. Assume low interest FHA loan. No qualifying. $29,450.

PLEASANTON
THOROUGHLY UPGRADED
This has to be one of the best cared for homes on the market today. Professionally landscaped with dog run and back yard access. Custom drapes, upgraded carpets set off the interior of this well decorated 4 bdrm home with family rm. & many extras. $47,750.

LIVERMORE
EAST SIDE ASSUMPTION
Central air, heat; enclosed court yard entry, large family rm., remodeled kitchen, new appliances — just some of the features of this Jensen built home. Assume 7% VA loan with payments of $172, loan balance of $19,820, and seller will carry small second at sales price of only $30,950.

DUBLIN
MINT CONDITION
Seeing is believing this lovely 4 bdrm, 2 bath home. Newly installed carpeting, inside laundry, nice draperies. Call to see today. $42,500.

VINTAGE REALTY
LIVERMORE 443-8700
PLEASANTON 462-2885
DUBLIN 829-4100

92. Homes for Sale

28 Bay Area Offices and Growing . . .
VALLEY REALTY

PLEASANTON
ring in the new
with a lovely new home. Elegant master bdrm suite with double door entry, private bath. Large garden view family rm. Formal dining, raised formal entry. Shag carpeting, choose your own colors. Open Sats. & Suns. Office & models at 3106 Gulstream. Santa Rita Rd. exit from 580 to West Las Positas, turn east to Gulfstream. Call for appt. Excellent financing available as low as 8¼% annual percentage rate on some models. Priced at $48,990.

PLEASANTON
resolution # 1
To put my family in this cheerful Morrison built 4 bdrm home. 1800 sq. ft. of family living including large landscaped yard. Heated & filtered Master pool. Side access. Paneled fam. rm. Anxious owner. Submit offer. $48,950

PLEASANTON
after Christmas blues?
Give yourself a lift! Start the new year in this charming 3 bdrm Garden court home. Designed for active living, minimum upkeep. Secluded rear courtyard. Low maintenance landscaping. $36,950.

PLEASANTON
was Christmas crowded?
It won't be next year in this just listed 2 story home; 4 bdrms, 2½ baths, approx. 2000 sq. ft. Quiet court next to green belt. Carpeting, drapes thru-out, deluxe fireplace in family rm. Low maintenance front yard. Park-like rear with sprinkler system, covered patio, mature trees. Hurry this won't last. $50,450.

auld lang syne
will resound in this spacious 4 bdrm, 2½ bath home. Extended fireplace in family rm., formal dining, large patio. $48,950.

1 YEAR WARRANTY. Valley warranties every home listed against plumbing, heating, built-in appliance and electrical repairs for 1 full year. Why settle for less?

4301 VALLEY, PLEASANTON 846-4431

DUBLIN

Pride of ownership reflects throughout this 3 Bdrm., 2 Bath, home. Huge rumpus & indoor laundry rooms, big yard, good neighborhood. Close to schools. Pmts. under $325. with $1750 dn. FHA. $34,950 Total.
Young American Realtors
829-4222
21310 San Ramon Valley Blvd.

LIVERMORE

WARM & COZY
Snuggle up in this home and experience the feeling of complete comfort. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, with beautiful enclosed patio, cozy fireplace and large kitchen. $41,950. Assume G.I. loan.
THE SIGN OF ACTION
Harris Realty COMPANY INCORPORATED
PLEASANTON 846-5900

$900 DOWN
Just $900 down and you can buy this 3 bedroom, 1 bath home on treelined street. Call today for appointment.
THE SIGN OF ACTION
Harris Realty COMPANY INCORPORATED
PLEASANTON 846-5900

PERFECT HOUSE
Anxious owner has bought another home and wants you to see this immaculate ranch house decorated to perfection with plush shag carpets, custom drapes, no wax floors, private court yard and large covered deck. FHA & VA terms. $38,500. Don't miss this bargain.
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Harris Realty COMPANY INCORPORATED
PLEASANTON 846-5900

LIVERMORE

MOTIVATED SELLER
Has bought a new home. Needs a quick sale on this beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, with upgraded carpets, wall paper, patio. Rear yard access. Hurry only $31,950.
★TRI-VALLEY★
Realtors 443-7000
1585 Olivina Ave., Liv.

COURTYARD ENTRY
Leads into this beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 bath, with formal dining room, step down living room with fireplace, BBQ in family room. Sharp throughout. Just reduced now only $39,990.
★TRI-VALLEY★
Realtors 443-7000
1585 Olivina Ave., Liv.

CUSTOM SOUTHSIDE
2 bdrm, 2 bath, living room w/brick fireplace, dining rm. Separate entry, cent. heat. Attach dbl. garage, laundry. FHA, VA financing avail. Reas. Price. 447-3364.

3 yrs. old this sharp Tempo home has 3 Bdrms., 2 baths, sharp crpts., big sunny kit., & fam. rm., fireplace. Located on quiet court. Big Big yard all for $37,950. Good 7% VA assumption or min. dn. FHA.
Young American Realtors
829-4222
21310 San Ramon Valley Blvd.

PLEASANTON

NEW YEARS SPLASH
in this custom pool with a neat 3 bdrm, 2 bath home with side yard access, AEK, shag carpeting, 2 fireplaces, storage shed, and much, much more. $51,500.
828-6060
Heritage Realtors
7124 Village Parkway Dublin

SOMETHING SPECIAL
Delightfully landscaped 4 Bdrm., 2 bath model home. Large fam. rm. fully paneled with w/w brick fireplace. Formal din. rm., air cond., sprinkler system, access to rear for boat or camper. $56,950. Call Now.
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2701 Crow Canyon, San Ramon
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A NEW PLEASANTON HOME FROM $26,750
All new 2-3-4 bedroom, 1-1½-2½ bath. Comfortable, convenient garden home living with no outdoor upkeep or maintenance. Private fenced patio area. Many features included ● Hotpoint electric oven, range, food waste disposer ● wall-to-wall carpeting. Interest rates as low as:
7¾% (8¼%) APR
VA-FHA FINANCING AVAILABLE
LAS POSITAS GARDEN HOMES
From downtown Pleasanton drive north on Santa Rita Rd. (Toward Freeway to Las Positas Rd.).
846-3183. SINGER HOUSING COMPANY, Besco Division.

CONTEMPORARY, 2 story living room, conversation pit, formal dining, and kit./fam. room with breakfast nook. 4 bdrm., 2½ bath, 2 fireplaces. 9 mo. old. $63,500 462-4237.

98. Real Estate Wanted

WANTED: PASTURE LAND FOR 25 CQWS. CALL **EVENINGS** TRACY 209-835-2588.

104. Motorcycles

HONDA '73 CB 450 Full Dress Excel. Cond. 4,000 mi. 829-4898.

HONDA '71 350. Just Rebuilt, Still in Break-in. Excel. Cond. $450 or offer. 846-6694.

HONDA 750, 1974
Gone to the Army. Call:
443-2931

106. Campers, Recreational Vehicles

TRAILERS CAMPERS
Tent Trailers
SHELLS FOR ALL TRUCKS
Storage-supplies-service
LIVERMORE RV CENTER
889 Portola Ave., 443-6393

108. Trucks, New-Used

CHEVROLET
1973 LUV
½ ton, radio, heater, 4 speed, raised white letter with mag wheels, rear bumper with lined bed, competition orange, Lic. # 34186V
$2143
Crown Chevrolet
DUBLIN PHONE
828-6500 ● 828-0361

109. Imported—Sports Cars, New & Used

'68 VW BUG
Low Mileage
Excellent Condition
443-4782

MG MIDGET, '73, low miles. Best offer over $2700.
SUBARU, SPORT COUPE, '73 low miles. Best offer over $2000. Days, 785-4462, eves. 846-8070.

MG MIDGET, '69 excel. cond. Low mi. $1795 or $900 and take over payments. 829-2932.

110. Cars-New & Used

CHEVROLET
1967 CAMARO
2 door, hardtop, radio, heater, automatic, power steering, bucket seats, console, vinyl roof, hood pins, new tires, new paint, excellent condition, Lic. # UUU737.
$1371.42
Crown Chevrolet
DUBLIN PHONE
828-6500 ● 828-0361

CHEVROLET
1974 CAMARO (LT)
AM/FM stereo multiplex, power steering, brakes, automatic, bucket seats, console, air conditioning, tilt steering wheel, rally wheels, vinyl top, like new, sunset gold, Lic. # 160KTQ.
$4476
Crown Chevrolet
DUBLIN PHONE
828-6500 ● 828-0361

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BART bike program now in operation

LIVERMORE — Bay Area Rapid Transit's new plan for carrying bicycles on BART trains began today. The program is reportedly not available to valley reisdents who commute to BART terminals via feeder bus lines.

The "Bikes on BART" program, which was authorized by BART's Board of Directors back in October, was designed as a six-month trial study to determine the feasibility of transporting regular non-collapsible bicycles on BART trains. Prior policy did not allow for any bikes on trains other than folding bicycles, or bicycles that are disassembled and carried in containers small enought to fit under a seat. The program was developed as a result of wide interest shown in being able to carry regular bicycles onto the trains.

The trial program, which is being conducted on a permit basis, allows for bicyclists who have obtained permits to carry their bikes onto BART trains during non-rush hour travel only, between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Permits may be obtained by bicyclists interested in participating in the program, through BART's Passenger Service Department.

According to Kay Springer Jaynes, who is managing the program, permits will be issued by appointment only, on a first - come, first - served basis, providing registrants meet specified requirements.

"Issuance of permits for the month of January has been closed out and we are now accepting applications for February," Ms. Jaynes said.

She said all requirements aredetailed in a packet which will be mailed to potential registrants upon request. For the first month of the program, approximately 70 permits were issued. Maximum quantities of permits issued for February and the months to follow will be determined by demonstrated demand and train capacity. Once issued, a permit will be valid for the duration of the program.

A fee of $3.00 will be charged in order to defray the administrative cost of the project. Youths under the age of 14 who wish to register must be accompanied by an adult also seeking a permit.

With the conclusion of the "Bikes on BART" experiment, which is scheduled to run through June 1975, a report evaluating the program will be prepared to determine if transporting bicycles on BART should be continued on a perminent basis.

To inaugurate the program, a modest ceremony will be held at BART's Lake Merritt Station Thrusday January 2 at 12 noon. Five bicyclists will demonstrate the procudure to be used for the experiment. The inaugural ceremony will be jointly sponsored by BART, the East Bay Bicycle Coalition and the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition.

New surge in state births

California's backward birth rate — last year it was the lowest since 1937 — may be moving forward again, the state health director said today.

The number of live births in 1974 is estimated at 305,000, nearly 7,000 higher than in 1973, according to Dr. William Mayer. He is also the state registrar of vital statistics.

"This may be the turnaround in births we've been expecting for some time," Mayer said.

"Women in the child-bearing ages — principally those 18 - 25 — who were born during the 1950s could be the reason for the upsurge. There were more women in this age range in 1974 than ever before, and some must be having children.

Mayer said the birth rate changed only slightly this year, from 14.4 per 1,000 population in 1973 to 14.5, but it was the first increase since a decline that started in 1970. In the booming 1960s, it was 22 to 23 per 1,000 population.

The state's death toll hardly moved in 1974; the totals estimate to be about the same as the 173,000 deaths recorded in 1973.

A noticeable drop in marriages occured again in 1974, a social phenomenon which may or may not be reflected in birth data of future years. In 1974, there were an estimated 163,000 marriages, compared with 169,320 in 1973. The 1973 total also was lower than the preceding year.

The number of marriage dissolution in 1974, an estimated 116,000, was higher than the 112,855 recorded in 1973. However, the rate at which divorces increased in the last four years has slowed considerably. A spate of dissolution occurred immediately after the Family Law Act was passed in 1970 but the trend now appears to be downward, Mayer said.

He concluded:

"Vital statistics emphasize that we are living in a world much different than it was six or seven years ago. Having three or four children is no longer fashionable, but having two is, and it's less costly.

"More couples are living together without marriage and more babies are being born out of wedlock. Divorce seems to be more acceptable.

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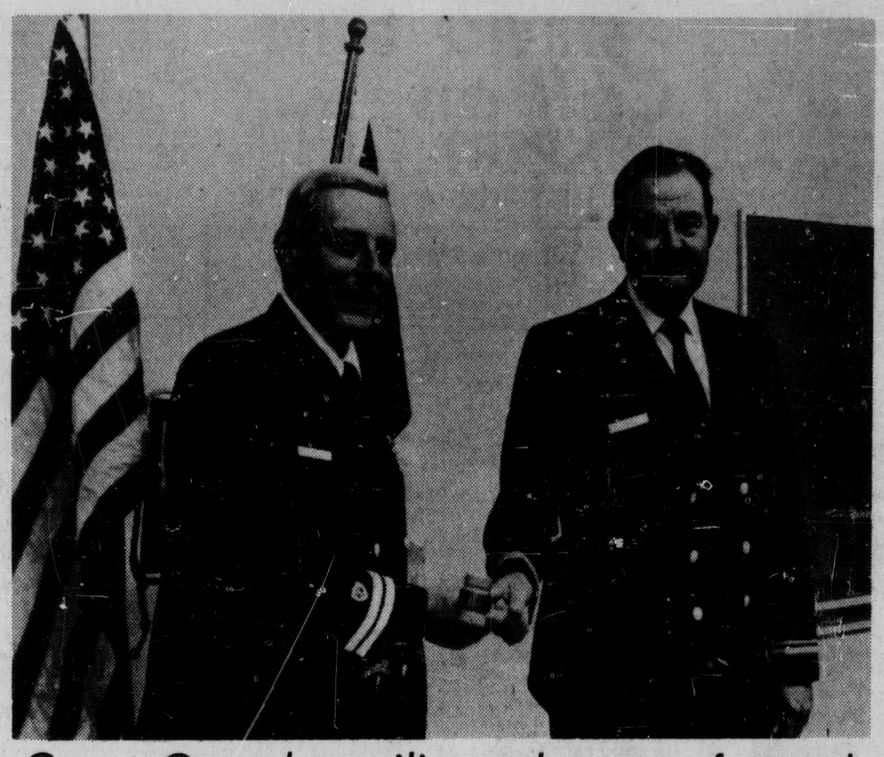

Coast Guard auxiliary change of watch

Bob Rascoe (left) will relinquish command of Livermore Flotilla 95, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to the new Flotilla Commander Dr. John Kane (right) at the Division IX Change of Watch dinner in Oakland next Saturday. Also taking office with him at this time will be Carl Wallace, Vice - Commander; Gary Findley, treasurer; Therese Bidwell, secretary; Bob Rascoe, member training; Leona Wallace, public relations; Jack Bidwell, public education; Bill Morehouse, courtesy boat examinations; Phyllis Houlding, career coordinator; Charles Rogge, materials; Neal Houlding, Institutional Representative; and Bob Pouard, Operations. An eight week class in Boating Safety and Seamanship begins Wednesday, Feb. 5 in the Red Cross Building, 373 N. L Street, here, at 7:30 p.m. There is a small charge for the text book, but instruction is free. For more information call Commander Kane at 447-6322.

New Cal State format makes education easy

A new educational procedure. concurrent enrollment, is making it possible for more people to take courses at California State University, Hayward without gaining admittance as a regular student.

Until about a year ago, if a person wanted to take a course now and then at the University, it was necessary to undergo a long procedure of filling out numerous forms, obtaining transcripts from high schools and colleges previously attended, evaluations, testing, and perhaps some interviews.

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Then along came concurrent enrollment.

Through this procedure, the prospective student selects a course from the University catalog and schedule of classes. During the first week of classes, the instructor of the class is contacted. If there is enough space available after regular students have been enrolled, and if any prerequisites that have been set are met, and if the instructor's acceptance is received, the person can be enrolled in the class.

As a regular member of that class, the student performs the work required of the other students. Extension fees are paid and extension credit is received for the course.

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